REDEEMER COLLEGE LIBRARY

MAI 2 4

Library Redeemer College,
467 Beach Blvd.,
Hamilton, ON
L8H 6W8

FISC decides to rebuke Ontario government

C.C. staff

EDMONTON, Alta. — The directors of the Federation of Independent Schools of Canada decided to send a letter to Premier Davis and Dr. Stephenson, Minister of Education of Ontario, a letter supporting the efforts of OAAIS in Ontario. The decision was reached at the annual meeting on Friday, April 28.

Sponsored by the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools the following resolution was quickly adopted:

Whereas, the Federation of Independent Schools in Canada upholds the basic and universally-ascribed right of parents to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their child and;

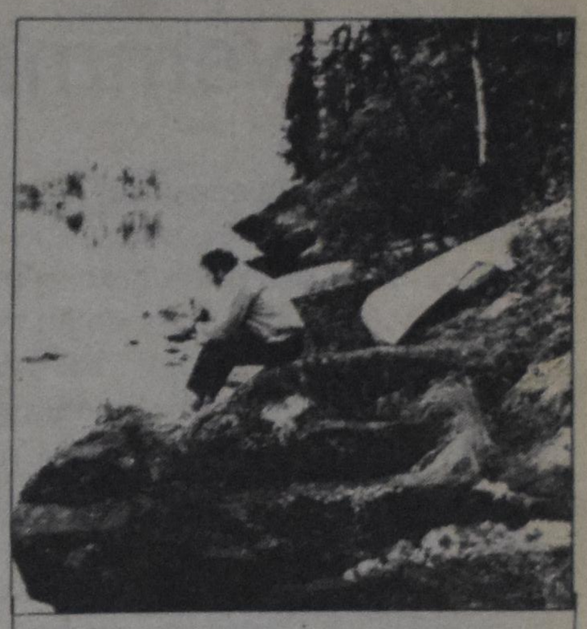
Whereas, most Provinces in Canada now affirm this human right with legal protection and various forms of public financial support for schools, other than a Province's government-sponsored school system; including as they do the independent schools of those Provinces and;

Whereas, the education policy of Ontario discriminates both socially and financially against schools other than the Province's Public and Secondary Schools system, and then most severely against Ontario's independent schools which are denied any portion of the education taxes their supporters pay to the Province for the education of their children; therefore,

be it resolved:

that the Government of Ontario redress its unjust education policy by affording proper legal standing and public funding arrangements for all schools, including independent schools that meet the social and education criteria that are intrinsic to a socially diverse, free, democratic society in Ontario.

Perhaps OAAIS has learned from a report in the *Toronto Sun* which suggests that if OAAIS is "going to be so quiet, gentle and low-key about it (their request for public funding) who in that Ontario government is going to change?



Vacation time

Looking for something to do this summer? Check pages 13-15 for some great vacation ideas!

Calvinist Contact

Second Class Mail
Printed in Canada
Postage paid at St. Catharines, Ont.
and Lewiston, N.Y. — see page 2

39th year of publication,

May 18, 1984
No. 1930

Thinkbit

A minister should have four or five weeks of holidays a year. If he is a good minister he deserves it. If he is a poor minister the congregation deserves it.

told by a minister

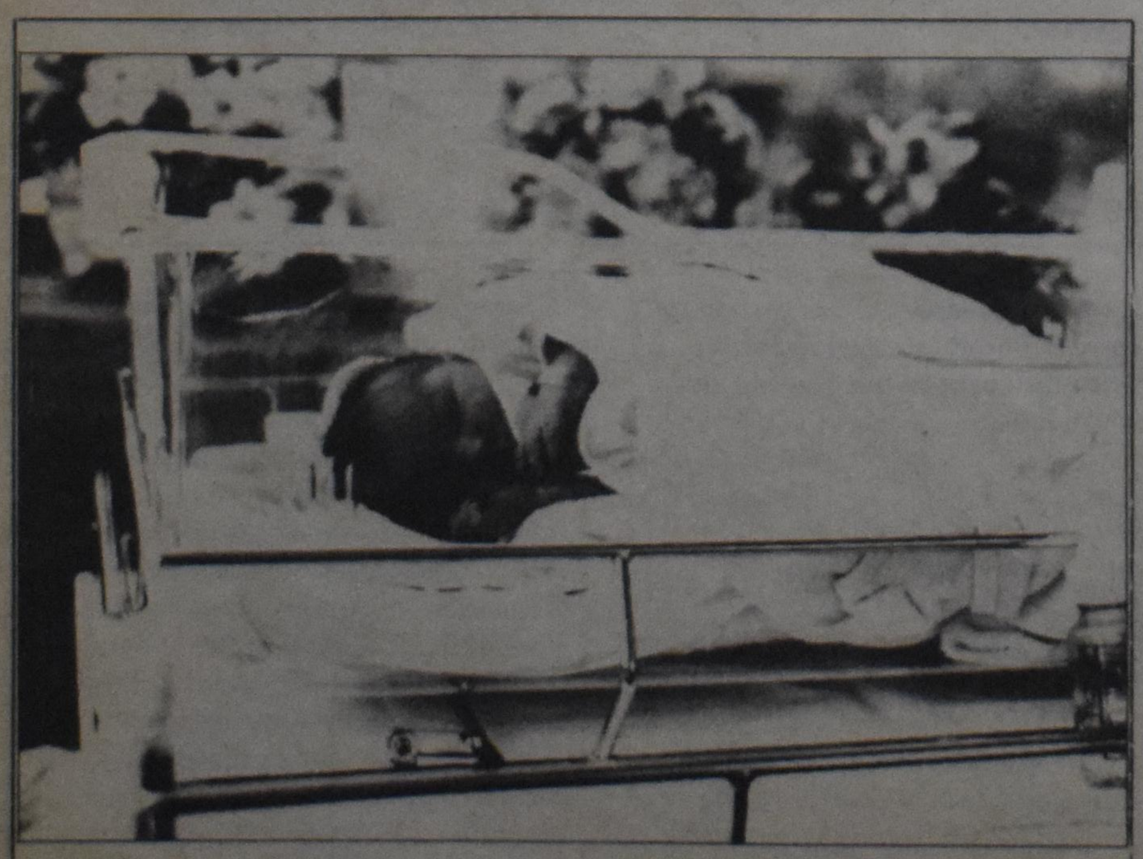
6.6 million muslims in western Europe

Freiburg (KIPA) — According to an article recently published by the KIPA news agency, the number of Muslims living in Europe is quite high.

Some of those groups trace back their origin to the events of past centuries; this is the case in Greece (140 000), in Cyprus (152 000), in the European part of the USSR (12 million), in Bulgaria (1 million), in Rumania (around 50.000), in Albania (2 million), in Yugoslavia (4 million).

In countries of western Europe the presence of Muslims is a much more recent phenomenon, due to a large extent to migrations from poorer countries into the more industrialized ones.

The figures would be the following: Federal Republic of Germany 2,5 million, France 1,2 million, Great Britain 1 million, Holland 300 000, Belgium 250 000, Italy 200 000, Spain 80 000, Switzerland 70 000, Austria 70 000, and other countries some 100 000, for a total of 6 675 000 in the whole of western Europe.



Well deserved sleep after birth

Children's Page Editor Doro Bakker gave birth to her third child on April 13. Seen here in his hospital crib is Colin Simon Bakker, 8 lbs. 11 oz. Doro writes about the pregnancy and birth in her children's column on page 12...

Coalition challenges Elections Act

Wanted: freedom to advertise at election time

Jeff Adams

CALGARY, Alta. — A court battle is underway in this city that will decide whether any non-political organization, including those opposing abortion or endorsing christian education, can freely advertise during upcoming federal elections.

The National Citizens Coalition, a conservative lobby group claiming 35,000 members Canada-wide, hopes to overturn Bill C-169.

The controversial legislation amends the 10-year-old Canada Elections Act. Scheduled to become law May 17, it says only political parties can spend money promoting or opposing candidates during an election campaign.

Penalties include a maximum $5,000 fine, up to five years in jail or both.

The bill allows any kind of spending outside of election campaigns and any group can become a political party by fielding 50 candidates in a federal election.

But the citizens coalition is arguing even those provisions fall far short of freedom of speech guarantees in the constitution.

Coalition lawyer Al Hunter, noting all three federal parties approved the new legislation after only 40 minutes of debate last fall, told Alberta Court of Queen's Bench: "There is no more important period in a democracy than the election period.

"Should the parties and the candidates have a monopoly on the thought processes of the electorate during an election?"

Leslie Seidle, an Ottawa expert on election expenses, testified that any control on third-party advertising will be to the advantage of the established political parties.

But politicians insisted they approved the amendments to protect Canada from american-style electioneering in which the established parties get around federally-imposed spending limits by setting up interest groups and funnelling money into their accounts.

Continued on page 5 ...

Holy hardware!

GUELPH, Ont. (CP) — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John would be astonished at what the Reverend John Derksen, formerly of Kemptville, Ont., has done with a computer. The Christian Reformed Church minister has transferred biblical text references, books from his library, and a mass of other biblical information into a computer he uses to research his weekly sermons. He then writes his sermons on a word processor connected to the computer.

In his study, Derksen has installed thousands of dollars worth of equipment. His computer files help him locate written documents, biblical text references and information to be used for specific holidays and events, ridding him of the time-consuming task of manual research.

On the word processor, Derksen begins with a theme, plot and outline. "Gradually the sermon grows and you can add, delete, or transfer whole paragraphs," he says. "You work in a relaxed way, and end up with a sermon that is understandable, clear and easy to deliver."

Calvinist Contact

Editor
Bert Witvoet
Editorial Assistant: Ellen Zwart
Accounting: Willy Suk
Advertising: Klara Numan
Circulation & Mailing: Grace Bouwman
Layout and Design: Margaret Griffioen
Typesetting: Kim Yungblut
Political Editor: Ben Vandezande
Children's Page Editor: Doro Bakker
Western Correspondents: Jeff Adams, Paul DeGroot

Office Manager
Stan De Jong

Canada mail: Second class mail registration No. 0-0451. Postage paid at St. Catharines, Ontario. Postmaster: Send address changes to Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3
U.S. mail: Calvinist Contact (USPS 518-090), published weekly except for July 13, 27, August 10, 17 and December 28, by K. Knight Publishing Limited, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3. Second class postage paid at Lewiston, NY 14092
Head office: 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3. Phone (416) 682-8311. Office hours 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Advertising
Display advertising deadline is Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. of the preceding week. Classified advertising deadline is Thurs. 8:30 a.m. for the next week's issue. See classified page for rates.
Subscriptions:
$22.50 for 47 issues. $42.50 for 94 issues. Airmail $75.00 for 47 issues.
Canadian Calvinist founded 1945
Contact founded 1949
Calvinist Contact since 1951

Editorial Advisory Board: Stan de Jong, Anne Hutten, Jacob Kuntz, Nicholas B. Knoppers, Nick Loenen, Ineke Parlevliet, James R. Dickey, William Van Huizen, Ellen B. Zwart.

Editorial

BC government needs lesson in sphere sovereignty

Nick Loenen, Vancouver, BC

Centralized control over our lives need not come from the political left; it can also come from the political right. This is evident from what is happening in BC today.

Most of us usually think that freedom, choice, diversity, and a truly open society are best guaranteed by the political right. And so, we continue to vote Social Credit. The political left leads to socialism, and communism, and therefore to oppression, and state control, we think.

Although Socialists talk about freedom we don't like what they mean by it. However, do we know what Bennett's free-enterprisers mean by freedom? Well, BCers are starting to find out.

Government displays raw power

It has been a year since Bennett, the younger, received a renewed mandate; and it has been a year of constant and bitter turmoil. Some people love Bennett, others hate him. I don't think anyone can be proud of what is happening in BC today.

Christians in particular ought not to cheer at the government's display of raw power. The grasping and use of power by people who lack the principles to restrain and direct that power should fill us with fear. We should not become cheerleaders.

Power and authority is to be used for the benefit of those under authority. Parents and teachers have authority not to keep kids in their place, but to help them grow, develop, and mature. Similarly, governments must create conditions for the various segments of society, such as, families, schools, and the private business sector to grow, flourish, and attain their potential.

Reformed Christians used to call this sphere-sovereignty. Various social contexts each have their own calling and task, which governments should recognize and protect for the good of all. Such principles seem to have no place in the BC government's program. Instead of enabling and empowering our social institutions it increasingly takes away their responsibility. This is particularly evident in government policy related to the schools and labour unions.

Measures are collectivist

Five years ago the BC legislature enacted the Independent School Support Act. It did so to recognize that not everyone thinks alike about education. However, today, the ministry of education imposes standardized exams on public and independent schools alike.

This standardization and imposed uniformity is a subtle form of centralized mind control, it subverts the Independent School Support Act, and is a callous disregard for parents of different faith and ethnic communities who seek to practise their deepest held beliefs.

The independent schools have a system of evaluation under the present act. What benefits can be gained from these further impositions? And why do the Socreds, of all people, do this?

Clearly, these measures are collectivist in nature in that they fail to recognize that parents may have interests related to education other than those which are the proper concern of the government. The Socreds, using right-wing talk are imposing measures drawn from left-wing theory.

We need trust

The same confused policy is directed at labour unions. Most people in BC, thinking unions are too strong, applaud the government's high-handed methods. I am not one to defend irresponsibility and abuse of power on the part of labour unions, but to stoke the fires of an adversarial system is a completely bankrupt policy in the long-run. We need less confrontation — not more.

Unions need to be strengthened, but in new and more responsible ways. Instead of alienating workers they need to be drawn into the enterprise as responsible and mature partners. Now is the time to do it. Increasingly, people demand input in decisions affecting them. We should capitalize on this trend, recognizing that in matters affecting the shopfloor the workers are usually the experts.

We need trust, openness, and a flow of information, both ways, Government should not destroy unions, but create conditions whereby unions can be more responsible. When government becomes paternal — keeping everyone in perpetual childhood — it abuses its power.

No doubt the BC government's goals are laudatory. Both schools and unions need to be more responsible and disciplined. But the best discipline comes from within. Schools and labour unions will be strong when government generates the political conditions for plurality, choice, diversity, and true freedom.

The BC government needs some lessons in sphere-sovereignty.

Letters

Foei toch!

Enclosed my payment for another year of C.C. I enjoy reading it.

But I must also say "foei" to you, because you didn't print my picture and story of our family reunion last year.

And here I see, on the front page even, the picture of my girlfriend's 3 daughters marrying 3 De Leeuw boys.

That is front page news? Foei, foei. God bless you all!

Winnie Lindemulder, Millet, Alta.

"When a dog bites a man, that's not news; when a man bites a dog, that's news." (Thinkbit, April 20).

Editor

Foster parenting a God-given opportunity

I'd just like to compliment you on your article on Michael Kelly Blanchard (March 2, '84). I was particularly impressed by the words to the song "Danny's Downs."

It's hard to believe that he's writing about the experience of someone else. We have a little Downs boy in our home, and he's the funniest, cutest, little rascal I have ever known (barring my own babies, of course, but that's in the past).

I'd really like to see an article on foster parenting sometime. I feel that it is a God-given opportunity to be a live-in example of Christ's love for us.

My husband and I are foster parents, with the help of our children. We really feel that as Christians it is our obligation to fulfil the mandate Christ gives us to care for the fatherless. How can we do it better than to open our home to those who need us!

Ricky Goebel, Calgary, Alta.

The christian way of relating

Mr. Rang wrote in his letter to the editor (March 2) "If the ministers and elders at Synod truly represent the congregation in this matter (women in office) the 'inevitable' will be turned down."

In my opinion they can't represent the congregation for the simple reason that the matter is not discussed at the congregational level.

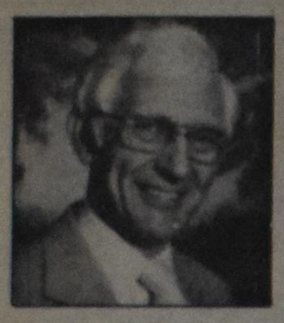
Several people have asked to stop this discussion and forget about it. But we can't. It would be the same as telling an expectant mother to forget that she is pregnant! She is growing, and so is the discussion on "women in office."

I would like to see all people belonging to the Christian Reformed Church study this matter. I am not against seeing women in office, but I feel that the time is not ripe for it. If it would bring a split in the CRC, I would be very much against it.

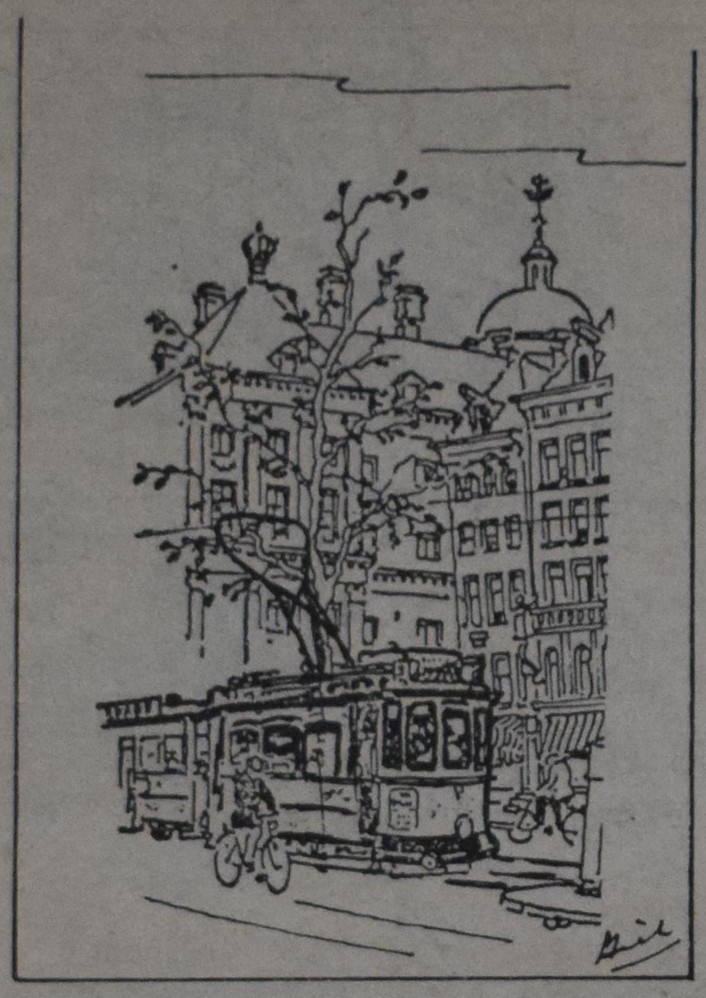
But we cannot stand still on this matter. I came across a study book called *Women — Men and the Bible*, written by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, published by Zondervan. It's an eyeopener, and it brings you closer to God and fellowmen.

Maria Berghout, Odessa, Ont.

SKYLIGHTS/WILLIAM R. RANG



Lessons from the streetcar



The Amsterdam streetcar was at one time truly representative of the spirit of that great city. The conductors were the most jovial, funny, and world-wise characters one could ever hope to meet.

My dad loved the Amsterdam tram. He knew every route, every stop, and every joke that the conductors delivered.

To dad, true educator that he was, the streetcar was more than a means of transportation. It was a teaching object.

The tram, he said, that's you. If you don't stay on track, you won't reach your destination. Your course has been carefully laid out, over bridges, through narrow streets where the going can be rough because of the traffic that is there, but also over broad avenues nicely lined with elm trees. The purpose of your existence is that you serve and that you reach your destination. On time, remember that.

Do you see the trolly? The overhead wire supplies the power that you need for going. That wire is the Lord. From Him come all the strength and energy that you need for going. From the wire the current goes through the trolley to the electric motor of the tram.

The trolley is your prayer-life, son. With it you touch the wire from which you receive your power. As long as you keep it in touch with the wire, you'll move safely and steadily. Yet when the trolley no longer touches the wire, the power will stop.

I remember when and where my dad taught me about the streetcar. I was eleven years old and we were walking close to the Concert Hall, not far from home. At that point different streetcars cross their tracks.

I looked at the overhead wires. Once in a while a spark would fly off with a cracking sound and I knew it: the wire was loaded with power.

Power for me!

William Rang is principal of the Christian School in Dunnville, Ont.

longer letter

Three, not four marks characterize the true church

Enough said. I can hardly imagine readers wishing to hear or read another word on either women in office or headship. But I do wish to respond to brother William Rang's contention that "There will be a schism," (C.C., March 2, 1984) should synod decide to open the offices to women.

Mr. Rang concludes his letter with the statement that he is bound by his confession to belong to the true church. This implies that churches that permit the ordination of women no longer are part of the true church.

Although I do not share the brother's concern, I nevertheless grant he is entitled to state his opinions. Through an open and frank discussion we learn together. And *Calvinist Contact* is to be commended for encouraging a variety of opinions by printing points of view that at times vary greatly.

But I object very strongly to Mr. Rang's conclusion. The conclusion that a denomination which ordains women is by that token part of the false church. That is an entirely unfounded conclusion.

Historically and confessionally the Reformed churches maintain that there are three marks that characterize the true church: the pure preaching of the gospel, the pure administration of the sacraments, and church discipline (Art 29, Belgic Confession).

Mr. Rang, and others who have recently made similar expressions, have now added a fourth mark: male office-bearers. Art. 29, however, states that when the three marks are present: "no man has a right to separate himself." It is clear that our forefathers in the formulation of Art. 29 wanted to serve notice that the matter of schism was not to be regarded lightly.

Let us for the moment imagine the worst: a schism such as mentioned by brother Rang. Integrity would require that this new schismatic creation reformulate Art. 29 so that it clearly states that the fourth mark of the true church is male office-bearers.

I put it this way deliberately in order to show how foolish this is. Neither my, nor anyone else's salvation is dependent on it. It is not a mark of the true church. And no matter the outcome, it may not lead to a schism.

H.G. Samplonius,
Edmonton, Alta.

People of Canada indebted to NDP

Praise the Lord for a shift in thinking in the Ontario N.D.P. concerning the funding of christian schools in Ontario as reported by C.C. recently. As far as I know it's the only party in Ontario that shows and has shown in the past some positive signs in this respect.

It is not clear to me what Mr. Ed Numan means "by the grace of socialism." Would he rather have funding by the grace of "godless capitalism" which especially through its media makes fun of Christians, Christianity, what it stands for and even of Christ and the ones who belong to him?

Does Mr. Numan's television, if he has one, perhaps produce different programs, news broadcasts, etc. in which the above are never ridiculed, and in which the name of the Lord is never misused? As far as I know he cannot accuse the NDP of any of these things.

Couldn't Mr. Numan be a bit more gracious to the N.D.P.? After all, the people of Canada, in my opinion, are much indebted to this party.

If it wasn't for its existence in this country, we probably would have the same deplorable conditions we have south of the border, such as the non-existence of a national health program, an insufficient old age security pension system, the infamous foodstamps for the poor and many more humiliating conditions for the lower income people.

And if that is not enough it is needless to say what it (read capitalism) is trying to do to the poor people in Central America which it tries to control by force, murder, and even terrorist activities.

Evert Hamminga,
Aylmer, Ont.

EDITORIAL POLICY: We encourage our readers to write brief responses to material published in our paper. Please specifiy the issue and article you are commenting on. Letters may be abbreviated or only excerpts may be published to meet editorial requirements. Unsigned letters will not be published but names may be withheld upon request.
A long letter, 500 to 700 words, may be published in the upper right hand corner of this page provided it meets editorial standards.

Women don't need church title

In response to Henry Schoon's letter (march 2) I believe the time has come for the churches to work more closely together to keep women out of office. Women were put on earth as helpers, not leaders.

It is true that they are getting higher education but they can put this to use on their own children first and foremost. How else are the next generations going to learn.

It is true that in some instances in a deacon's work, a woman's touch is needed, but a woman can do that work without having the title of "Deacon" placed on them.

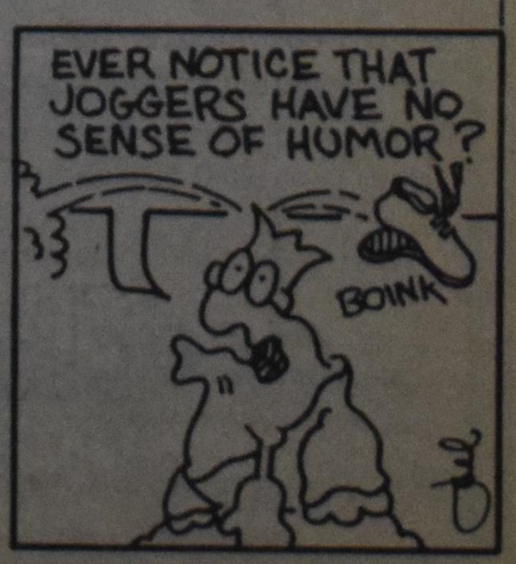
You say you cannot find a text that forbids women in office. How about Genesis 1, verse eighteen, "Then the Lord said, it is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helper fit for him." The key word here is helper!

And how about One Timothy Two, verse twelve through fifteen?

You dare say that many more think as you do, but I dare say that the majority still thinks as I do, and tries to keep God's will, and his laws.

Patricia Kerkhof,
Burlington, Ontario

Pontius' Puddle



News

Australia — the lucky country

Keith Warren

So Australia is called the *lucky* country.

Sunshine, a promising 1984, the drought is only a memory now, beer and meatpies, freedom, no terrorism, no Lebanon-type horrors, no nuclear missiles. As a friend said to me the other day: 'Australia must be one of the most peaceful countries in the world at present.'

Not only that. We won both the America's Cup and the Davis Cup! Plenty of euphoria has been sweeping the nation! And some majestic records in cricket. It's good to be 'down under.' Very good. Much optimism for the New Year. Proud to be an Aussie!

As a matter of fact, I've been caught up in it too. Had to get myself a beachtowel for our summer vacation, and bought one with an australian flag design. True, I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Though they do say that New Zealand is a great place too!

But at the same time, we must not be fooled. This so-called lucky country (and who is not grateful for peace, freedom, prosperity) may well be compared to a beautiful piece of fruit. Enticing to bite into it, and feel the juice drop down your chin. But instead ... it's rotten inside. Wormy and foul.

With all the outward attractiveness, the froth and bubble, the cream on the cake, what and where are our *foundations?* Must we not come to the regretful conclusion that behind the appearance of success, there is very little of substance. Neither God nor truth, neither right nor wrong, but only lust for sensation and a craving for material satisfaction.

What *values* does this 'lucky' country have?

When we look at some of the following figures, a conclusion about the nature of underlying values is easily reached.

In a period of 4 years (1975-1979) the number of divorces almost doubled: from 23,000 in 1975 to more than 40,000 in 1979. The year 1975 of course saw the passing of the Family Law Act.

As regards abortion, the latest estimates are that between 60,000 and 80,000 unborn children are killed each year in Australia. Things turn out not so 'lucky' for them!

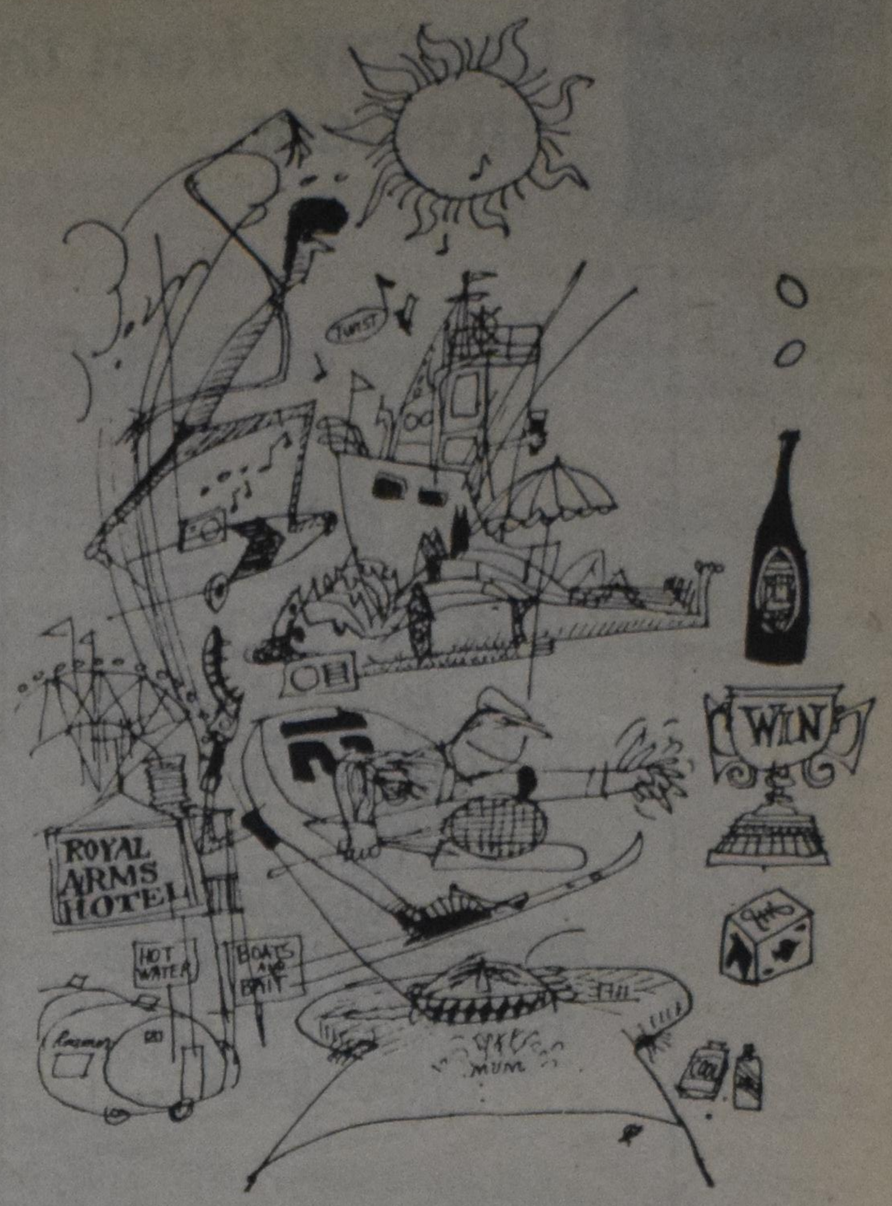
The in vitro fertilization programme has been given the parliamentary go-ahead in the state of Victoria in December, the first state to legislate on the issue. But too many questions remain, and some factors are frightfully disturbing. To mention only one: only 5.5. percent of all implantations results in a normal live birth. That means that 95 % of all test tube babies (for is an embryo not a human life?) die sometime during the process.

Then there is evidence of a disturbing increase in the use of alcohol and drug dependency. There is an increase in mental and nervous disabilities amongst Australians, for example, admissions to psychiatric centres in New South Wales increased from 15,000 to 23,000 between the years 1965 and 1977.

The church attendance figures are equally disturbing: whereas in 1955 33 % of Australians attended church every week, by 1980 that had dropped to 18.8 % ...

Yes, there is the *educational* system. But we may not expect the state educational system to lay solid foundations and lasting values. Late in 1983 a number of people in Victoria with keen educational insight concluded that no one really knows what ultimately matters in the classroom. The only constant in the secular education system is *change* ...

I suppose that this is not a very optimistic editorial to begin the New Year with. And yet ... the new year is 1984 A.D., the year of our Lord!



You and I are certainly not able to change Western society. But the Lord does not ask that of us either. What He does ask of us is to be faithful, to use *all* the gifts within the body of Christ, to be alert, resourceful and creative, as His stewards in this world, and *not* to conform to the pattern of this world, and to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, (Rom. 12:2).

To remain faithful. You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Reprinted from Trowel and Sword, Jan/Feb., 1984

Interest groups, PACs and the purpose of government

Dr. James Skillen

With the U.S. elections coming in November Dr. Skillen provides a fascinating look at what makes candidates tick. The american political system does not have party discipline the way the canadian system does. It puts far more stress on the individual member. As a result pressure groups can be far more effective.

Interest-group politics

Interest groups have been a major ingredient of american politics for a long time. In american society there are farmers, labourers, teachers, bankers, business people, and all kinds of other occupational groups. There are also groups of people with special concerns about particular issues — world hunger, abortion, Middle East policy, nuclear weapons, and many more.

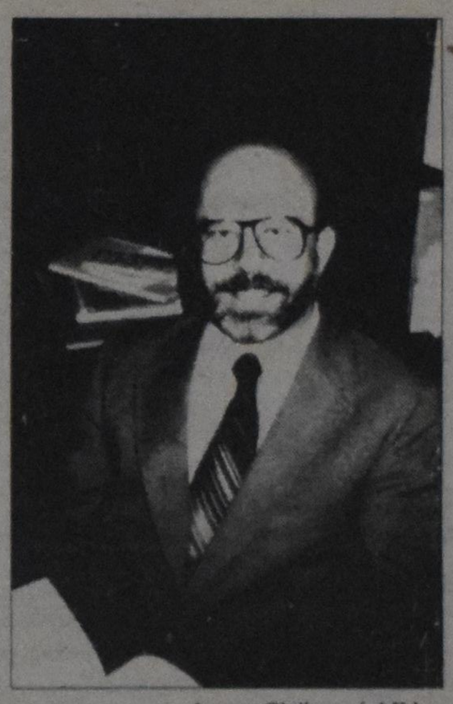
Since government deals with all these occupations and issues when it makes laws, it is not surprising that these groups want to organize for the purpose of "looking after" their own interests or of influencing government policy on issues of particular concern to them.

We also have an electoral system that encourages interest-group politics. The electoral system produces candidates and eventually elected representatves who usually do not have detailed plans for what they will do in office. The political parties function primarily to get individual candidates elected. The parties do not, for the most part, present to voters teams of candidates who campaign on the basis of binding platforms.

This means that voters are offered individual candidates whose programs are not often very clear. Votes are not given the opportunity to vote for, and hold accountable, a whole party of candidates. In fact, voters are not necessarily represented by the candidates they vote for. And even if the ones they vote for do win the election, the representatives are not easily held accountable for a specific program of action.

Once representatives enter office they are met by lobbyists from the interest groups. Most of the pressures exerted on legislators actually come from special interest groups rather than from the political parties or from broad organizations of citizens concerned about the general public interest.

Since most laws are made under pressure from different interest groups, politics becomes, increasingly, a game of interest-group pressure. This, in turn, becomes a factor of growing importance in electoral politics. And that's where the Political Action Committees (PACs) come in.



James Skillen of APJ

What's wrong with PACs?

If one accepts as legitimate the description of american politics given above, then there is nothing wrong with PACs. They are legal organizations allowed to raise money for political campaigns. Frequently they serve particular interest groups rather than a political party. Sometimes they even exist primarily to serve a particular candidate. But if interest-group politics is o.k., then why object to PAC's paying the way?

Some who object to the growing power and influence of PACs fear that they will push electoral politics even further in the direction of private interests controlling public offices. But unless these critics realize that interest-group politics exists at the foundation of PACs (not the other way around), then trying to hold down the PACs will not do much to hold back interest-group politics.

Wanted: government accountable to citizens as citizens

The problem with both PACs and interest-group politics is that they overlook and fail to nurture the public life that all citizens share together in a political community (in our case, America).

People are not simply farmers, teachers, bankers, business people, pro-lifers, and anti-hunger crusaders. Our occupations and special interests do not exhaust our identities. We are citizens in towns, states, and a country called the United States of America which binds us together in a common trust, a public trust.

We do not exist simply in competition with one another over our special interests. We

Continued on page 5 ...

Amsterdam Special

★ Low cost charter flights
★ Car rentals and accommodation

We can also arrange flights to bring your family and friends over from Holland to Toronto.

dcec TRAVEL
services limited

2359 Lakeshore Rd.W., Oakville, ON L6L 1H4 827-3342

Out of town please call collect!

Interest groups, PACs and the purpose of government

... continued from page 4.

share responsibility for the public order in which we all live. And this public trust ought to be governed by justice for all, not by "victory to the strongest interest group." We should be active in politics not primarily through interest groups but rather as citizens concerned for the health of the entire public trust.

Therefore, we need an electoral system, election laws, lobbying laws, and laws controlling PACs that will encourage and reflect direct accountability of elected representatives to the voters they represent. And the voters need to approach politics out of civic concern *as citizens* not primarily as organized interest groups. Elections ought to nurture civic consciousness, commitment to public justice, and a strong sense of identity between voters and their representatives.

But we can't pick on PACs and interest groups unless we are willing to commit ourselves to public justice as citizens — unless we ourselves are willing to rise above the use of politics primarily for our special interests. We should be asking how we can become better citizens and how we can promote a better political system with more public-minded representatives.

Dr. Skillen is Executive Director of the Washington based Association for Public Justice.

It is more blessed to receive

Acts 3:6

ὃ δὲ ἔχω, τοῦτό σοι δίδωμι.*

I was sitting on the steps of the cathedral
facing Central Park in San Jose;
a girl limped toward me, suffering cerebral
defects. I heard her slurrishly say:

"?Tiene usted monedas, por favor?"••
Then I wished that like the apostle Peter
I had no gold, but could offer more —
could say: In the NAME arise ... could greet her

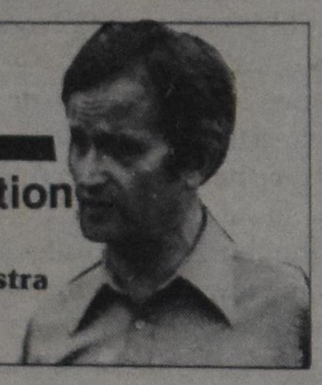
so and see her made well again.
I reached into my pocket and found a few
cold coins. She said: "Gracias" ... went away again
while I thought bitterly: "What I have do I give you."

* *What I have I give you".*
** *"Do you have some coins, please?"*

Frank Sawyer,
Ponce, Puerto Rico

Cross examination

Bernard Zylstra



Our first neighbour

Jesus Christ, quoting two passages from the Old Testament, summed up the essence of the order of creation as it pertains to the human race in these familiar words: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." (Matt. 22:37f).

Our most immediate neighbour comes into being in the act of love between woman and man. We must love that neighbour as we love ourselves. The Bible is explicit in its insistence on the sacredness of individual human life because it is the bearer of the image of God. Hence the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." The Bible is also explicit, though not elaborate, in its assumption of the sacredness of human life before birth.

Modern science confirms the biblical teaching by unveiling in ever greater detail that unborn human life is indeed just that — human — from the time of conception, and that it is impossible to point out the moment when prehuman cells become human life.

The ontological status of the fetus as human has been the basis of classical christian ethics with respect to abortion. In the traditional roman catholic ethic abortion was prohibited, even if continued pregnancy endangered the life of the mother, because of the aristotelian bias that "nature should take its course."

This bias can still be found in the official roman catholic teachings on birth control. In the traditional protestant ethic abortion was also prohibited except when the mother's life was at stake. Today christian ethicists argue, rightly I think, that rape and incest are also proper legal grounds for abortion.

This classical christian ethics of abortion, based on respect for human creatureliness, has largely collapsed before the onslaught of the ethics of humanist modernity, which is based on human willing. In the modern ethic, human behaviour is not subject to divine norms but to human values, which find their origin in the human will itself — either the will of the individual or the collective will of the group.

With respect to abortion this means that the question as to whether the fetus is human is no longer a matter of the law of nature, nor of the divine order of creation, but of the human will.

The ethics of humanist modernity has had disastrous consequences with respect to abortions, which have increased a hundredfold, with the judicial acquiescence of the states' legal system. The problem has been resolved quite simply. Since the fetus cannot make known its will to live, the will of the mother is allowed to prevail. Since here the human will "creates" human life, the human will also has the right to annihilate human life.

The implicit or explicit legitimation of abortion practices reveals the profound crisis of justice within the public order which the state is called upon to establish in order to protect human rights. The primordial right is the right to be, the right to life itself. If the right to life of the fetus is so easily surrendered, what basis is left for the public protection of other rights?

It is sad to note that in the Charter of Rights of our new Constitution, Canada missed the opportunity to define the legal structures of abortion. The unresolved question will continue to plague us for decades to come.

Dr. Bernard Zylstra is President of the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, Ont.

Coalition challenges Elections Act

... continued from page 1.

Efforts to ban third-party election spending have failed repeatedly in the United States on constitutional grounds.

Alan Borovoy, lawyer for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, said earlier this year that he is sympathetic with the aim of Bill C-169 to give everyone an equal chance of becoming elected.

"But I am distressed at the means employed, which could deprive people of one of their most effective political vehicles."

Art Smith, a Calgary businessman who once owned a public relations firm that helped elect Ontario Premier Bill Davis and Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed, said restrictions on who can advertise during elections are needed today to protect the public from candidates "packaged like soap."

Jean Marc Hamel, Canada's chief electoral officer who oversees every national vote, defended the new legislation.

He said the law does little to restrict freedom of speech because it still allows organizations to promote or oppose candidates and parties before and after elections, plus organize news conferences and rallies and buy issue-oriented advertisements during elections.

Interest groups also have the option of forming their own parties, Hamel reminded the court.

And that is exactly the route anti-abortionists are taking. The Pro-Life Party of Canada has been organized and Edmonton spokesman Kathleen Toth, president of Campaign Life Alberta Association, said it will field the necessary 50 candidates if the current court challenge fails.

Several other interest groups would probably take similar action, predicted Hamel, during a Calgary news conference before the month-long trial began April 16.

Marriage & Family counselling
Vocational assessments
Individual & group therapy
Seminars & workshops
arranged for churches and
other groups.

Interdenominational Christian Counselling Incorporated
christian counselling services
Suite 709, 44 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto M4R 1A1. Phone: 489-3350

Church Envelope Company Inc.
P.O. Box 1184 Postal Station "B", Mississauga, ON L4Y 3W5. Phone: (416) 277-0576.
★ Weekly Budget Envelopes
★ Contributions Recording Systems
★ Annual Statements & Receipts
JOHN & HENNY TJOELKER

Valentine Values
AMSTERDAM
Advance purchase or last minute emergency travel
We will provide the lowest possible air fare
Valentine Travel
323 Moore Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4G 3T6 Tel: (416) 429-2222
London Valentine Travel
205 Oxford St. E., London, Ont. M6A 5G6 Tel: (519) 672-3161

Church

Pastoral Pondering

Sermon work in church

Rudy W. Ouwehand

Do you really know what preaching is? Yes, of course you do. For as long as you can remember you have gone to church every Sunday. You have heard many sermons from many different ministers and lay-readers. That's preaching — someone speaking to you in church for a half-hour or so about the Bible.

Many of you have also have deeper thoughts about preaching. Especially the elders who have a responsibility before the Lord for the preaching that goes on in church. You realize that in a special way the Word of God comes to us through the preaching.

That doesn't place it on the same level as the Bible, however, for it remains *an explanation* of God's revelation in His written WORD. And neither does it place the minister somewhere up there halfway between ordinary folks and God — for God can and does give special insight and inspiration to each one of us as we need it and as He desires.

Yet the preaching of the Word does remain something special. God has chosen to work through imperfect men to bring his Word to us. When we listen to sermons week after week, we may all too easily focus on the man. We criticize his appearance, his style, his accent or other characteristics. We compare the literary quality of one sermon to another. We go home to have "roast preacher" for Sunday dinner.

If this is so, we have not yet heard the Word of God. If we focus only on what the minister has done (or failed to do) we miss the other 50 % of the sermon work and we may miss hearing the Word of God.

As a minister I know how much work goes into a sermon preparation. But the part I have no control over is the "people preparation." You must do that yourself in humble submission to God and by the help of his Holy Spirit. If you come only with critical ears you will find much to criticize, but if you come with an open and humble heart you will hear the Word of God.

In this day of instant entertainment at the push of a button it is impossible for your local church to compete. But we don't come to church to be entertained (else we'll certainly be disappointed!) We come to church to do work — sermon work!

Each member must put some work into the sermon; add your ideas and feelings to it, refine it, discard some parts if necessary — and then you will have the Word which God is speaking to your heart.

Then you can leave church to go home and live the Word of God, for by God's Spirit and according to his promise, his Word — through preaching — will again have been written upon your heart.

Rudy Ouwehand is pastor of the Christian Reformed Church of Cobourg, Ont.

Rime or reason

On a sunny day in spring
I saw God's loving power
in a very simple thing
a small and pretty flower

Sy Nodd

In Ohno's congregation,
(I say this with some trepidation)
the ladies threatened to go on
vacation
if not granted ordination.

Klaas Sis

Church News

Free Church of North America:

Accepted

— to Vineland, Ont., Rev. Carl Schouls of Mitchell, Ont.

Christian Reformed Church

Accepted:

— to Covenant Woodstock, Ont., Rev. Rudy Ouwehand of Cobourg, Ont.

— to Calvary Chatham, Ont., Rev. James Tuininga of Jarvis, Ont.

— to Grace Chatham, Ont., Rev. Peter Kranenburg of Second of Toronto, Ont.

Declined:

— to Summit Kamloops, BC, Rev. Henry Lunshof of Mississauga, Ont.

Largest classis concerns

Because Classis BC is now one of the largest classis in the denomination in terms of number of families (2500) and also in geography, a committee was appointed to study the feasibility to split our classis into two.

A good discussion was held on an extensive report dealing with the baptism of permanent foster children. Classis urged the churches to see to it that the means of grace were also available to these children who are placed into christian homes. Copies of this report are available to any member who wishes one.

Langley CRC bulletin

Ringnalda gives go-ahead speech

On March 31st, 1984 the Orillia Christian Reformed Church had its official sod-turning ceremony at the new site on Fitton's Rd. Pastor Gerald Ringnalda (left), Karl Schenk, Chairman Building Committee (centre), Bruce Langman, architect (right), are ready to dig in. The construction began the first week in April and should be completed D.V. in July.

Members of the church have pledged $200,000 and 1200 hrs. of labour towards the completion of the building. Total cost of construction is estimated at approx. $500,000. The present church building on 157 Coldwater Rd. has tentatively been sold to the Salvation Army.

The Orillia congregation deems itself fortunate to have Mr. Don Hawkey as builder. Mr. Hawkey has dedicated himself to building churches and regards it as his ministry.

Press Parade

A church in Beamsville?

That question was raised by a number of members of the Mountainview CRC in Grimsby.

A meeting was held at the residence of one of the members, and some 20 persons signed a petition to the Consistory, requesting permission to go to members of the Mountainview CRC living east of Thirty Road, to see if it would be feasible to organize a new church in Beamsville.

At the Consistory meeting of March 7 this request was discussed. It was moved and supported to grant this request. However, during the discussion, another idea came to the foreground, and the first motion was tabled.

A new motion was made and supported to ask all members living east of Thirty Road if they would separate "En Bloc" (that means as a whole) from the Mountainview CRC of Grimsby. That motion was carried.

Now you probably will ask what is the difference between separating from the Mother Church, and organizing a completely new church?

When a section separates "En Bloc", the Consistory of that section will remain intact, and the pastor of that section will accompany the new group. Upon organizing a new church, a new Consistory will have to be chosen, and a new minister called.

The section that separates from the Mother church becomes a "Daughter" church and is therefore entitled to their share of the equity belonging to the Mother church.

When organizing a new church, only those who sign the petition will be leaving the Grimsby church; if only 60 or 80 families sign up, the church will still be left with too many families to be served by one pastor; therefore this plan would not be of the most benefit for our church.

The Formula For Success...

YOU and BOBBY LAWN SPRAY

Bobby Lawn Spray gives you the formula, with the proven record of **25** successful franchisees.

We give you the equipment, expertise and full training to government standards, all by licensed professionals.

We can help you realize the dream of self-employment in a business with high income potential and no risk.

If you want to join the team of lawn care professionals, call or write for further information.

Bobby Lawn Spray
714 London Rd., Sarnia, Ontario N7T 4X6
(519) 336-1143 or 455-9333

NEW/USED 65 PIANOS RECONDITIONED

KAWAI
Lesage
Sherlock-manning

uprights
grands
consols

Van Geest
HOUSE OF PIANOS INC.

416-689-6833
145 Highway #5; Just west of Waterdown

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PROJECT
Christian Care for the Elderly.
Holland Christian Homes Inc. is owned by its members and operates a Christian retirement village. Annual membership fee: $25.00 per family, or life-time membership: $250.00.
Call or write for information:
Holland Christian Homes
7900 McLaughlin Rd. S.
R.R.#10, Brampton, Ontario
L6V 3N2
Tel. (416) 459-3334

The United Church has changed its approach to Indian missions

Johan D. Tangelder

Mission work among north american Indians has been carried on for decades. Indians were looked upon as "an aboriginal, savage people." A 19th-century author spoke of them "as full of revenge which nothing can satiate, of a ferocity which nothing can soften, and as strangers to the most amiable sensibilities of nature." Their religion was considered pagan and demonic. This was still the case prior to World War II.

I eat, I eat

In 1937 a very unusual celebration took place at the Indian settlement of Kitamaat. People of the community, and a number of invited guests from the outside, had gathered in the church hall. The main feature was Chief Johnny Paul. He came in on all fours. He was dressed as a medicine man, hideously dressed. As he made his way to the frightened audience, he yelled, "I eat, I eat." During the evening old time pagan dances were performed, and all sorts of savage old customs were recalled.

At the conclusion of the program, the chief, after he had removed his ugly costume, said, "We have been showing you this to show you the kind of life out of which Christianity has brought us. You can judge for yourself which is better."

J.I. MacKay, a UC missionary, commented in his book, The World in Canada, published in 1938, "It is said on the best authority that sixty years ago in that area there was not one woman in twenty without a scar where a bite had been taken out of her arm. In the midst of the wild dances on any festive occasion, the medicine man would rush in crying, 'I eat, I eat,' and grabbing one of the young women would take a bite out of the flesh of the arm. And they had been proud of their scars.

There was a concert of a different kind on the Saturday night, and on Sunday three beautiful religious services were held. This was the climax of a celebration which marked the 60th anniversary of the Church's ministry among these people. The days of the medicine man and all the horrors that were associated with him are gone. Now in many Indian communities the Church is firmly established and certainly making for a more wholesome life."

Bridging the gap

Missionaries tried to build a christian civilization. They realized that the journey would be long. The space between the stone age and modern society couldn't be cleared in one jump. Schools were established. Since Indians were nomadic people small boarding schools were started here and there.

The Women's Missionary Society or the Board of Home Missions of the UC provided workers for these schools. MacKay noted that "very much has been done and is being done today to overcome the instincts of paganism and to help the Indians to a place of fine christian citizenship." MacKay suggested that a step in the right direction would be if, "instead of the large dormitory building at the Residential Schools, the students could be housed in cottages, cottages perhaps built largely by themselves." Students from the residential schools were expected to return to the reserves until progress was made in other directions.

MacKay also called for the restructuring of the curriculum to include a speciality of training in the kind of things by which the Indians are bound to make their livelihood. This suggestion was made in 1938. And MacKay's concerns are still valid today.

Learn from native spirituality?

But the attitude towards native religions has now dramatically altered. No longer are these religions considered demonic. "Native spirituality" is the new description of ancient pagan indian religious beliefs and practices. Interest in native spirituality has been growing in the last ten years. *The Observer*, Dec. 1982, comments, "There is a growing feeling among white Christians that there is something to be learned, that our ancestors were racist and hasty in their dismissal of the inherent value of the native way of looking at the world."

The Rev. Stanley MacKay, a Cree Indian, who is the national consultant for native ministries for the UC, says that non-native Christians can learn to approach Indians and to minister to them more effectively "when people are willing to take on orientations that release them from thought patterns and theological dogmas they hold sacred."

What a vast change in attitude and approach to indian missions!

Tangelder is pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in Strathroy, Ont.

CIDA aid to CRWRC in Bangladesh

BOGRA DISTRICT, Bangladesh (CRWRC) — Last year the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) gave $296,000 to CRWRC — including $67,000 to CRWRC's Bangladesh programs. Partly because of CIDA aid, CRWRC has been able to help nearly 3,000 Bogra District farmers obtain hand tubewells since 1976

CRWRC community developer Peter Ysselstein, a native of Woodstock (ON), describes Bangladesh's soil as "a huge sand and clay sponge. It soaks up the monsoon rains and stores them for dry season."

CRWRC favors wringing this sponge with hand tubewells rather than large shallow-deep mechanically operated wells, Peter says, because large-well operators "exploit their positions of monopoly power over the farmers by simulating breakdowns and demanding that farmers pay repair costs.

"We don't give out tubewells," Peter explains. "Our field staff helps farmers secure loans from Bangladesh Agriculture Bank. The bank agrees because we supervise farmers by urging repayment and supplying the agricultural knowledge that will make repayment possible."

A hand tubewell lets a farm family irrigate up to 2/3 acre during the six-month dry season, making possible an extra crop of rice, wheat, or vegetables. Tubewells also protect against rainfall fluctuations, raise yields, make better use of scarce land, and provide safe drinking water.

Peter says a tubewell pays for itself in just two or three seasons.

"The farmer dismantles the tubewell and carries it from just outside his house to his largest cropped plot. He builds mud channels to winter crops, digs a large hole and fills it with water to soften the ground, then pushes the steel pipe 20-40 feet down.

"Next he replaces the pipe with a plastic or another steel pipe that has a sand filter on the bottom. He attaches the tubewell to the few feet of pipe still above ground. After vigorous pumping, water gushes out."

Except for agriculturalist Paul Brink, all CRWRC's expatriate staff in Bangladesh are canadian: Rick (field director) and Edith De Graaf; Olive (women's program) and Peter (agriculturalist) Vanderkooy; Peter and Geraldine Ysselstein.

MacMASTER POOLMAN & DE VRIES
BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES
1075 Bay St., Suite 915, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2B1 - **923-3766**
Willem G. Poolman (Mr. in de Rechten, Leiden) **Leonard de Vries, LL.B.**
Also Dutch Law

Relocating?

EDMONTON
ADA REALTY LTD.
3412-102 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5W 0A3
Sid Vandermeulen
Phone: 471-1814

MISSISSAUGA
Century 21
FRED SCHURINGA
Phone: (416) 274-7700
Heritage Ltd.
member broker
90 High St. E., Mississauga, ON L5G 1K4

ST. CATHARINES
DUCA Realty Ltd.,
Realtor
391 Vine St., St. Catharines, ON L2M 4T9
CARL MAARTENSE
Phone: 937-7122 Res. 934-0426

TORONTO-WILLOWDALE-THORNHILL
ric
R.I.C. Realty Limited,
Realtor
4985 Yonge St., Willowdale, ON
Ask our professional advice regarding selecting your new home.
ENA SMIT
Office 226-9800 Residence 884-9042

This space reserved for you
Ask about our special advertising rates for this spot.

DURHAM REGION
Ken SOLD HOCKIN REAL ESTATE LIMITED
CLAUDE DYKSTRA
149 Liberty St. N.
Bowmanville, Ontario
L1C 2M2
• Office 623-4115
• Residence 623-2423
• Toronto Line 281-3609
Member of Oshawa District Real Estate Board

School

Chalkmarks

Etiquette is important

Etiquette is a term that applies to a set of rules for human behaviour. The word 'etiquette' comes from the French, meaning 'label.' An etiquette was a label fastened to a parcel to indicate its content. Fastening etiquette on us means that through our behaviour we tell who and what we are (happy, selfish, cheerful, warm, polite, etc.)

Etiquette was introduced to the grades seven and eight by Mr. Rang as a bi-weekly subject. We discussed the rules for good behaviour as they apply to every day life, eating, greeting, conversing, etc. Numerous questions were asked and we discussed all of them.

We also learned that christian behaviour is very important! One of the reasons is that our behaviour influences people around us. They will see that we are polite, have good manners, and dress decently. When they see this and know that you are a Christian, they will notice that your faith makes you happy and that you want to be polite. Knowing this, they will give more respect to you and to other Christians, and this could lead to their conversion.

Even Jesus said that this is important. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Jesus said this when He was telling us what kind of people Christians should be.

As Christians let us show our faith through christian behaviour and so be an example to all people.

Benny Westerveld, grade 7,
Dunnville Parental Chr. School, Ont.
(submission for Education '84)

A different Wednesday morning

On Wednesday, March 7th, we went to a concert. It was much fun. Some of the pieces we heard were: Fireworks, Pastel Blue, Fame, and some music from E.T. I would like to thank Mrs. Baker and Mr. Smit for taking us there. I also like to thank Mrs. Fohkens for driving us there in the bus.

Monique Meeder, grade 5

What was it like?

At the beginning we had to sing both the canadian and american National Anthems. Then we had to clap along to a song and we also listened to a very nice piece called "Pastel Blue" which I really liked. Fireworks was a very lively piece. I really liked going to the Symphony very much and I really liked the music.

Greg Jenkins, grade 5

from *The Wheelborrow*, Sarnia Christian School, April 1984.

Promoting christian education to 15,000 households

Ellen Zwart

Jim Berry is excited about his new job as promotion director for John Knox Christian School in Mississauga, Ont., near Toronto. As school supporters experience "an awareness of the definite opportunities a christian education provides, they must see their own responsibilities in responding to that need," said Mr. Berry.

His job for the summer will involve following up the 15,000 pamphlets that have been distributed within a 3 mile radius of the school. A recent mall display has also netted some contacts. The board of John Knox has set their goal at increasing the present 63-family organization by 35 new families. Mr. Berry feels "challenged by such an ambitious project."

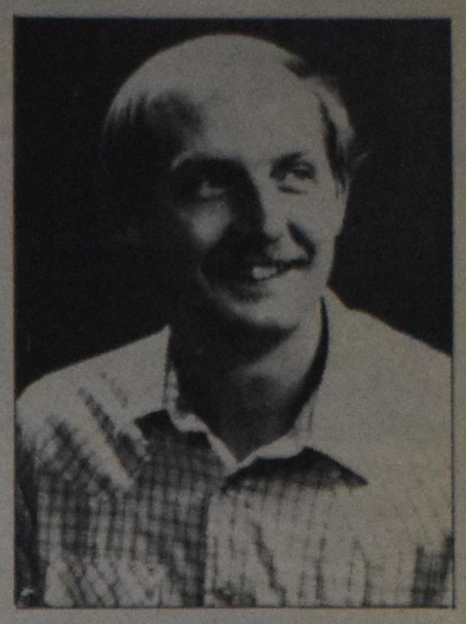
His emphasis will be on getting in touch with other committed christian parents in the area to share with them the unique possibilities a small school like John Knox has to offer. A closer knit relationship between teacher and pupil is one advantage cited by Mr. Berry of a small student body.

According to Mr. Berry, the support he has received to date from the board of John Knox and the rest of the community has been "fantastic."

Because the nature of his work will involve several evenings, the community has set up a schedule to have him over for supper, since he lives in Burlington, an hour's drive away. He is delighted at this opportunity to get to know people and they him in this hospitable manner.

Mr. Berry is a pre-seminary student at Redeemer College in Burlington. He became a member of the Christian Reformed Church when he was sixteen. Mr. Berry expresses a deep commitment to christian education and hopes to make it a major focus in his future ministry.

John Knox celebrates its 25 year anniversary this year. Mr. Berry takes over from Don Brown. His appointment marks a change in the promotion



Jim Berry

efforts of John Knox begun last spring when it began to reach out in a more concentrated manner to the Christians that live in their own backyard. An increased awareness that the school association must reach out past CRC circles has led to this effort.

Asked how realistic the goal of the board was, Mr. Berry answered: "the board must do their work just as I must do mine. God will give the results, we must trust in him."

Trying to develop a kindergarten Bible program

From the Prairie Patchwork of April, issued by the Curriculum Office of District 11 of Christian Schools International, we read the following appeal to kindergarten teachers;
Kindergarten korner ...

One of the more difficult tasks for our Kindergarten teachers is the teaching of Bible. This is especially true since Kindergarten is often the latest addition to the school system.

By the time Kindergarten is added, the primary classes have usually been in existence for a number of years and have carved out a Bible program. Usually such a program is a fairly detailed one of story telling. What does the Kindergarten teacher do to develop a meaningful program that does not duplicate to a substantial degree that which is done at the primary grade levels and maybe even in Sunday Schools? Some teachers have developed a thematic approach in which Bible stories are told to teach a central biblical theme such as "God's love for people" or "God made all of us special." Other teachers have incorporated their Bible stories into the unit themes they are teaching. Others again teach a quick overview of both Old and New Testaments. Kindergarten teachers, what are you doing? Send us a brief description to share with others and to help them. 14304-109 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5N 1H6

New course at RBC

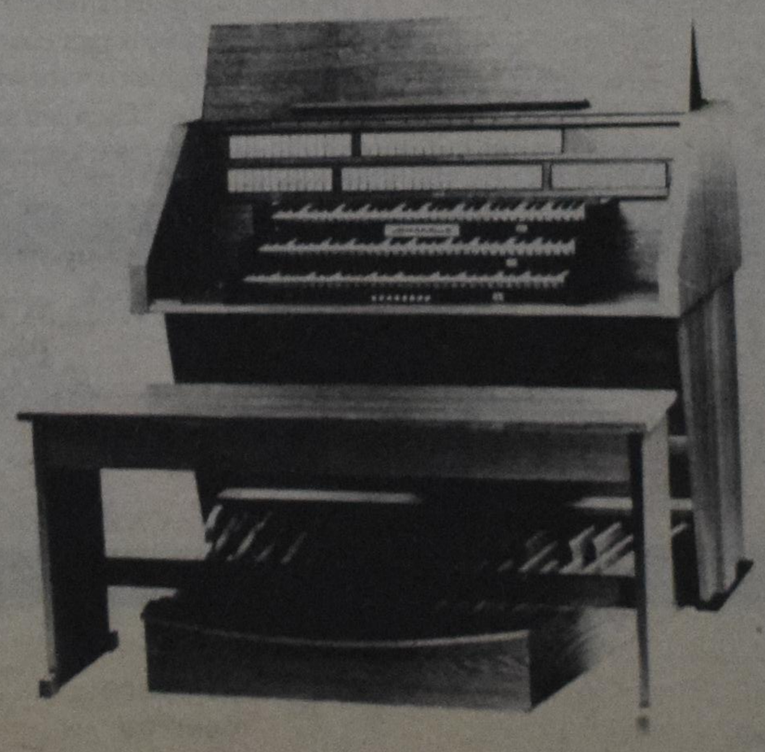
— A new graduate course is being offered this Fall by the RBC Christian Education Department: ED 522, "The Director of Christian Education and the Multiple Church Staff," taught by Dr. B. Braunius. The course studies the qualifications and the responsibilities of church education staff members. Emphasis is upon the personal and professional development of the lay leader in a multi-staffed church. Class times will be set when the required minimum number of course members have registered. Complete information available from the Academic Office, RBC, 1869 Robinson Rd., S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Westbrook
GREENHOUSE SYSTEMS LTD.

Manufacturers and Distributors of ...
★ Solar 18' greenhouses
★ Solar 36' freespan greenhouses
★ C.I.L. plastics
★ S.D.P. twin wall acrylic
★ Energy cloth, reemay, black out
★ Moveable or fixed benches
★ Monorail systems
★ "Philips" H.I.D. lights
★ "Agrifim" drip irrigation
★ "Richdel" solenoid valves
★ "Leader" exhaust and circulating fans
★ "Aerovent" exhaust and circulating fans

P.O. Box 99, 330 Main Street, West
Grimsby, Ontario L3M 4G1
Phone: (416) 945-9611 or telex: 061-5291

JOHANNUS Organs
The Mark of Excellence
Church, Home or Concert hall



Ask for detailed information.
JOHANNUS Organs
P.O. Box 17, Drayton, ON N0G 1P0 Telephone (519) 638-2784

Should the school build self- esteem?

Another look at the Magic Circle?

Agnes Struik (on right) explains a question at a workshop

Agnes Struik

It was in the November 25 issue, 1983 that Eleanor Mills wrote about the Magic Circle. Harold Van Brummelen sent in his study of the program which we published in the January 20 issue of this year. Agnes Struik, educational consultant at the Curriculum Development Centre in Toronto, wants to tackle the topic once more. She feels that a crucial issue has been lost in the discussion: "That issue is the need for a positive sense of self in our children and young people. Human beings cannot live fully without such a sense of self," she writes. Here's the rest of her letter.

Our belief that we are created in the image of God means the more we know ourselves the more we can know God and the more we know ourselves the more we can live out the purpose God has meant for us in our life. Our challenge is to translate this belief into living action, also in the christian school classrooms.

A positive sense of self is quite different from being selfish. The Great Commandment calls us to "love our neighbour as ourselves." (Matt. 22:37-40). A positive sense of self allows one to be loving and open toward others. On the other hand being selfish does violence to others and oneself.

Longing for confidence

Let me illustrate why I find this issue so important. In my work I have done a workshop in many christian communities which I call "What Do I Want For My Children?" Whether I do the workshop in Canada, the U.S.A. or in Australia, people respond by sharing the same concerns.

Parents hope that their children will be confident about life, will be excited about living, about their commitment and their direction in life. They hope their children will be open to life, to God, to the creation, to each other and to themselves. They hope their children will come out of school confident in themselves, understanding and accepting their limitations, wanting to do justice and standing up for what's right. They hope their children will respect and live in harmony with the creation.

What often happens is that these parents make comments like this:

- I don't have the confidence to say what I think in a large group either.
- In our women's group we have a hard time finding someone to lead the group.
- I just can't get up the nerve to pray in public.
- Most of us have difficulty expressing our faith in public. Oh, we can talk about it, but few of us can really express what it means to us.
- When you talk about support I'm not really sure what you mean — I just know I'm usually tongue-tied and I'd rather not be there.

Parents and children say it in different ways, yet each one wants to feel confident, to have a strong sense of self. They long to be able to give and receive support as living members within the christian community.

I heard parents and children express their longing and hopes for themselves. I also have spent considerable time in my own life trying to gain a positive sense of self. Therefore I was encouraged when someone told me the Human Development Program offered workshops which helped teachers foster self-esteem in the classroom. I decided to attend.

My own journey

The program was set up in such a way that the teachers involved in the workshop experienced activities similar to those they would conduct with their students in the classroom. I was delighted to see that the program began by first involving us in experiences that helped us gain an awareness of ourselves, then to experiences that build self-esteem. Our concluding activities were ones which helped us reach out in order to support, care for and understand one another.

This workshop connected with my own personal journey toward maturity and reaffirmed me in my beliefs. All my life I had been taught to love my neighbour as myself. I tried! How I tried! In concentrating on others I lost a sense of who I was. I didn't love myself and what I thought I was *doing* for my neighbour was for the most part an attempt to get the love I so desperately wanted.

For a long time I felt empty. The school did not provide the opportunities which could bring hat kind of awareness and large immigrant families simply did not have time to nurture this kind of sense of self. I was well into adulthood before I began the process of knowing and loving myself.

It was at this point that I truly did hear the commandment "Thou shalt love God and your neighbour as *yourself*." Suddenly all the phrases like "created in God's image," "created a little lower than the angels", "having dominion" all began to take on a new meaning for me. Slowly I began to feel confident about reaching out and experiencing more of the joy of giving and receiving, of loving and being loved.

Christian community began to take on new meaning. I found that giving of myself openly without any expectations resulted in more warmth and acceptance than I had ever dreamed possible. And in the whole process God became much more real for me. God was no longer a concept "way out there" but a kind, loving and understanding God. I could feel God as a dynamic force working in my life. It was an exciting and liberating experience for me.

I do not believe I am unique in this respect. I have watched many children and adolescents on playgrounds, in classrooms and have experienced their lack of love for themselves. These children have difficulty being honest and straight with one another. They do not know how to carry one another's burdens and still maintain a sense of self. They do not dare ask for support and they have great difficulty dealing with both anger and love.

Schools may not avoid

In his article of January 20 Harro Van Brummelen asks whether it is the responsibility of the school to address the matter of building self-esteem. I believe that the schools may not avoid this concern. Children come to school as whole persons. Our primary concern is that together we learn about God's creation, ourselves as part of that creation, and begin to experience our task as co-workers with God. (I Cor. 3:9). We may not isolate creation from who we are in the learning process.

We cannot be expected to carry out our task effectively if we don't know (in the biblical sense) what it means to be an image-bearer (Gen. 1:26); to be created a little less than God and to be crowned with glory and honour (Ps. 8:5); to have dominion over the creation (Gen. 1:28). In other words unless we have a sense of self we cannot carry out our task.

Contrary to Harro Van Brummelen's article schools *can* confront this issue without wandering into psycho-therapy or deviating from the normal task of the school.

My concern is *not* to promote the Human Development Program as *the* solution which Christian schools should adopt. Rather, my purpose is to point out a problem which must be addressed and find creative ways of dealing with it. By dismissing the Human Development Program because of its secular worldview, Harro Van Brummelen is in danger of dismissing the important concerns the Human Development Program points to.

In my opinion the Human Development Program merits careful consideration. To dismiss it with an intellectual analysis does injustice to this program. Reading the Teacher's Guide and the Grade Four Activity Guide is merely scratching the surface compared to attending the workshops that give teachers experiences of conducting circle sessions and involve them in discussions oriented to helping students develop as total people.

Continued on page 21 ...

CRC Extension Fund
currently offering
9%
on deposits, money back on 30 days notice.

******

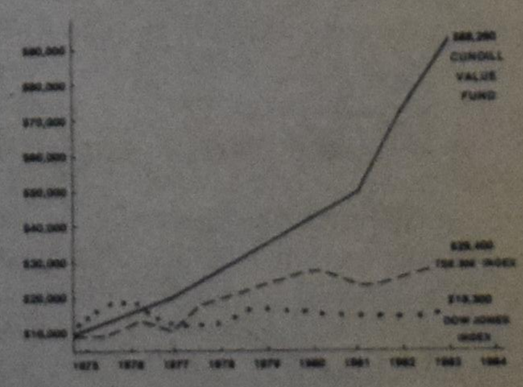
also
CRC-Community-RRSP
consider transferring an existing plan. Currently earning approximately 9%.

******

All funds invested in Christian churches, Christian schools, and other Reformed causes across Canada.

Contact:
Ont. CRC Extension Fund, Inc.
56 Harriet St.
Toronto, M4L 2E9
eve. (416) 461-1207

YOU TOO CAN BEAT THE MARKET
...YEAR AFTER YEAR!



LEARN HOW THOUSANDS OF CANADIANS ARE MAKING THEIR MONEY WORK FOR THEM

***29%** AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF RETURN
*Based upon actual performance for the past nine years which may not necessarily reflect future performance.

$10,000 Invested in "THE CUNDILL VALUE FUND" on January 1st, 1975 has grown to $88,260 by January 1st, 1984 (A gain of 783% in nine years)
Without a losing year!
Minimum initial investment $500.00
Where you will be financially next year, or ten years from now will depend on the decision that you make today.

ACT NOW

Offered only by the approved prospectus
For more information, call or write:

DRS. W.R. VERHAAG
Financial Concept Group
Suite 403, 1220 Sheppard Avenue East
Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2A5

(416)494-8600

Feature

The blind prisoner of Zenica

A political prisoner in Yugoslavia

Introduced by Bert Witvoet

Vjenceslaw Cizek was an emigre (refugee) to West Germany when he was kidnapped by agents of the Yugoslav Secret Service in 1978, brought before the District Court of Sarajevo (the 1984 Winter Olympic Village) and sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. Amnesty International has declared that Mr. Cizek neither advocated nor applied violence, and that "he was sentenced solely for making use of his right to express his opinion freely."

Vjenceslaw is presently serving his sentence in the Penal Institute of Zenica, near Sarajevo. His health has deteriorated and the state of his only remaining eye is critical, so that without specialized medical help he faces the prospect of total blindness.

Who is Vjenceslaw Cizek? We quote passages from his own correspondence which was published in a booklet called **The Blind Dissenter.**

I was born in Boka Kotorska, where I spent my early days. This is the southernmost part of Croatia. I was always an excellent student and while attending grammar school I had already published poems, essays and short stories. I enjoyed participating in groups, clubs and societies, and thus my first literary efforts usually appeared in their newsletters and other publications.

When I had finished high school and subsequent military service I joined a youth newspaper, first as a member of the editorial staff and then as the editor. This was the only paper of its kind, and was published first in Cetinje and later in Titograd. But it was a short-lived venture, and in the spring of 1954 I was expelled from Montenegro, accused of publishing articles either critical of the one-party political system or of a similar nature. I suppose that I was lucky that time; the rabble merely tried to stone me in front of the publishing offices.

All the continuing misery that they inflicted on me and on many others I consider a normal state of affairs in a communist regime. More than once I have attempted to recall these events, to put them on paper, to convey them to others, but usually I have ended up destroying everything almost immediately as to me it seemed of no interest. It was something quite common, although I see that others have written books about it. I could not do that.

So, only a little more about prision.

Prison life

In the solitary confinement cell, which is about three metres by two, or possibly a little smaller, and of course without windows, I lost my eyesight. I contracted a serious illness called glaucoma and consequently even today have to wear dark glasses. During these six months I became unaccustomed to light, for only on workdays were we taken out for a so-called 'walk,' for all of fifteen minutes; the rest of the time we spent in the dark, or, if it was a sunny day, in twilight, without books, newspapers or visits.

Vjenceslaw Cizek

I was allowed to smoke. That is, cigarettes were allowed but matches were not. The guards kept matches above a beam on the wall in the hallway, and only when one of them happened to walk past the solitary confinement cell could I get a light, if he felt like it. In this way I spent six months in solitary confinement, during which time the suit I slept in fell apart on my body.

I had three trial hearings and was sentenced to two years hard labour. The remainder I served in Srijemska Mitrovica where, between 1956 and 1957, I was the youngest political prisoner, and the other prisioners called me 'son."

Despite the lack of leisure time in this prison I had the opportunity to read and write, but before I left everything was taken away from me, every scrap of paper, every book, letter or drawing. And I had accumulated quite a lot: two volumes of poetry, one book of short stories, a diary; all these things I always carried about with me. But what they considered most dangerous I had in my head, and that they were not able to take away from me.

Studies in Marxism

After I had served my sentence. I returned to Sarajevo where I re-enrolled in the University, no longer in literature but in pure philosophy. I was not by then so attracted to art as I had previously been, and wanted to discover the source of my rebellion against this society; to reveal the basis and theory on which this government is built. Consequently, I studied Marxism with special care.

Of course I would not have been eligible for a scholarship, nor indeed did I apply for one. Instead I worked and studied. I was at that time technical secretary of the Authors' Union of Bosnia — Herzegovina, the President being the late Mak Dizdar and the secretary Vuk Krnjevic.

Being a conscientious student, and also attending all the lectures and seminars, I was able to prepare notes on logic, dialectics and other subjects unpublished by the lecturers but nevertheless requested from students sitting for examinations, which I was subsequently able to sell to the students. I made notes direct, edited them, had them duplicated, and then sold them, and I was able to live off the proceeds.

I was on two occasions, during the second and fourth years of my studies, granted financial awards from the Rectorate for essays on freely chosen themes. I finished my studies in record time with the highest possible grades, (9's and 10's), but in spite of this record a career at the University was denied to me.

Employment and flight

I finished my studies and found employment, but only sporadically or temporarily, and over a period of nine years I held six different jobs. Far from becoming assistant lecturer at the University of Sarajevo, I was sent to some bleak provincial district, first to Kakanj, a small mining town in Bosnia. Here I was dismissed during school vacations. No attempt was made to hide the fact that this was done in compliance with instructions from the local Party Committee, because of a lecture on Darwin and his theory of the Evolution of Man. I had dared to question this theory, just as I question any other theory until it is proved, but among Communists there are tenets which are essential to belief.

I wouldn't say that there was a specific cause for my flight abroad, because in Yugoslavia the same things had been happening to me for years, and I had had sufficient reasons for leaving the country five years ago, as well as ten or fifteen years earlier. Maybe it was that I just couldn't take it any more, but even that isn't wholly accurate. It is true that during the whole of 1971 I had been unemployed, again as a result of dismissal, but that had happened before. Whatever, I decided to leave. Perhaps I had delayed the decision on account of my ailing mother, who died in 1968, and my aging father; be that as it may, I left him, when he was seventy years old.

Self portrait

This time I will, as you have asked me, speak a little about myself. I will (rightfully) begin wtih the words of Socrates: "My poverty is the best proof of my integrity." (Here follow excerpts from letters while a refugee in West Germany).

As far as the so-called "political finesses" are concerned, I do not believe that I will ever get to know them. They simply do not interest me at all. I endeavour to know myself better. Small talk does not appeal to me, and as a result I have often been alone, isolated from noisy crowds and group experiences. It can not be sheer coincidence that my parents once wanted to send me to a seminary; they believed that my interests were "not of this world." This has best been illustrated by my relations with women. I have had many girlfriends, but took none as my wife; nor would any have taken seriously such a proposal from me. The struggle for freedom and liberation is in my eyes the highest moral responsibility, my ethical stance. And the real substance of my life is an infinite wonder at the world as God's creation. Such an individual, you must admit, is not cut out for emigre politics. (December 11th, 1974).

If God has protected and saved me this far, He will continue to do so, just as my old father told me at our parting: "Go, my son, nobody can harm you because I am praying for you." And time and time again, I have found that these prayers have not been in vain. I am not a hero, being small in height and slight in build, but I fear nobody, because I have already conquered my enemies spiritually, and that is a true victory (November 12th, 1976).

They can kill me, I know that. But that holds no fear for me, for I have striven to live justly and in the name of justice. Only those who let fear overcome them can truly be killed. (December 15th, 1976).

> "They can kill me, I know that. But that holds no fear for me ..."

Waiting for asylum

I have survived for two decades in spite of the government, and I have managed to gain the upper hand. I do not know how much longer I will be able to stand it. My spirit is willing, but my physical resources are very restricted. The construction activities have come to and end, Autumn is already here, and I do not even have a pair of shoes. I really live like the birds in heaven ... I work a little, as much as I can. Terrible. (September 27th, 1974).

I have good news for you; soon I have to be granted asylum after all. After making me wait for three years the Germans have finally remembered me. I do not think this would have happened if the political climate had not changed; not basically, yet it is possible to perceive quite a few new developments. My miseries will finally be over. (May 15th, 1975).

At last the local officials have given me a permit enabling me to reside in Germany. (July 28th, 1975).

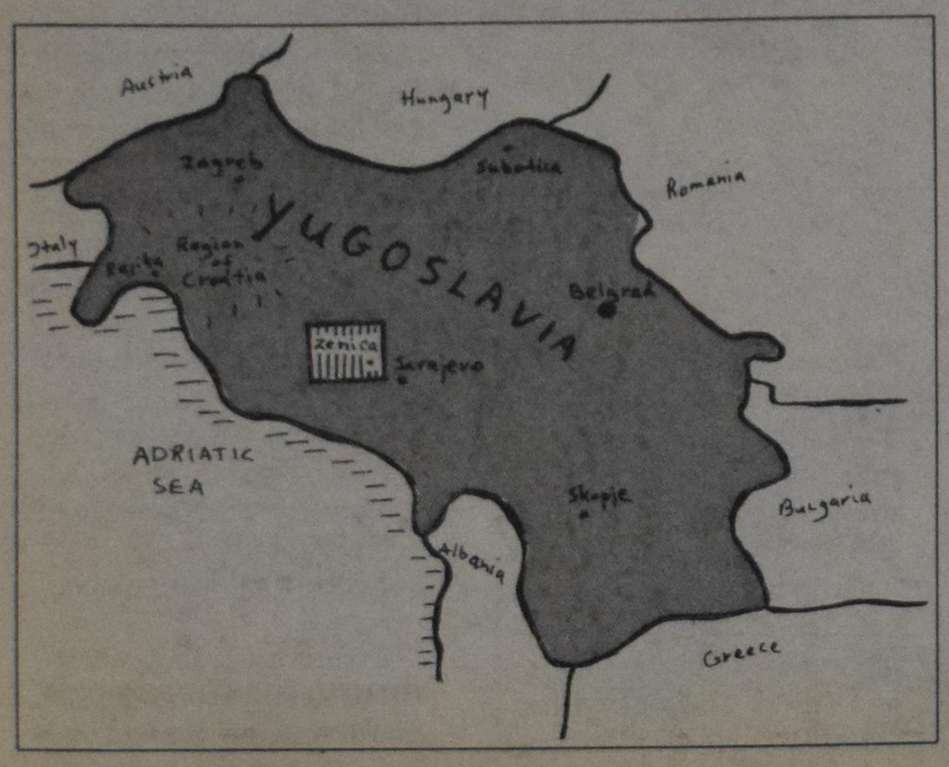
I am still out in the cold as on the first day I arrived in Germany. I recognize that others make sacrifices, deprive themselves, but nobody, I believe, deprives himself as much as I do. Everybody contributes from their surplus, but where are my earnings that would enable me to contribute? If I had not always lived frugally, I would not be able to resist now. Five marks daily satisfies my

speaks about the weakness of Communism and the triumph of Christianity

basic needs, covering the cost of a loaf of bread, a tin of sardines and a packet of cigarettes. (July 21st, 1976).

I am a republican

I have always been in my own way a Republican. Man is truly a universal creature, and ideas spread, exist, in a manner he



cannot comprehend. But I have to admit that I am surprised that upon discovering the Republicans I am discovering myself. In truth, our ideas have already met on some higher plane, and only now do they recognize each other. (May 18th, 1973).

In the contemporary world there are only two ideologies: Christianity and Communism, and their variants Christian Democracy and Social Democracy. The first of these is based on and represents History, while the second is incapable of becoming a social system that could take its place on History's stage to solve the inner contradictions of the capitalist world. Communism is merely an historical occurrence. Its novelty is limited to criticism of and reaction to capitalism, but it is not a social system which could replace capitalism or into which capitalism could evolve.

Communism is nothing more than a passing historical fad in the present world, so let us indulge in such a "fashion show" in Croatia too. I personally am an anti-Communist and have always been one and nothing else, even before I became what I am now. I have enormous experience of Communism, having lived and studied with them and even made friends with some of them, and I know the conviction that our Communists carry in their hearts. Brothers, they have no convictions; it is all just opportunism, plain and simple! Much less could they ever convert anyone to 'their' convictions. They themselves are conscious that their own everyday experience belies their ideas. But they have a perfectly organized force, a conspiracy, which also arises from opportunist motives; everything is very well paid. Well, enough of that. (February 2nd, 1975).

After the constitutional separation of religion and state, the religious phenomenon could be said to have continued to exist in its pure form. This separation emancipated the State from religious ties ...

At one time the Church represented the "Intermediation" between God and the earthly powers; today, having lost that function, it can assume the role of a divine opposition to certain established powers. And this is already happening, although it does not of course preclude attempts to adjust to the existing social order.

The Communist State is not a "collective believer," like the State in the Middle Ages, but neither is there any proof that it has become a "collective atheist." In contrast to the forced religious conformity of the past, the citizen of the Communist State is forced to accept atheism. That is to say that as a human being he is denied choice and personal decision, and in consequence experiences the pressure and hegemony of the State as a personal danger in its most essential sense. Today, therefore, the "separated Church" represents the last remaining pure oasis of freedom; under Communism only God does not terrorize.

Faced with the alternatives of a public ideology which is profane but compulsory and a private view which is intimately rich but prohibited, man is being formed with a split personality.

The leading role of the younger generation

Masses and religious feasts at present constitute the only opportunities people have to gather and express their convictions, albeit to a very limited extent. While in the West, for example, the churches are full of elderly people, in Yugoslavia — as I have been able to confirm personally in various regions of Croatia — the most representative part of the congregation at religious functions is composed of young people, from secondary schools and universities, not just carrying rosaries and missals, but also contributing with electric guitars and original songs. The musical and lyrical texture of these songs expresses with a tremendous strength their revolt, faith and will: revolt against a policy which has decreed that they should be creatures without souls and which through school curriculae casts them in empty, materialistic moulds; faith in a Victor and in the victory of Freedom; will to bear witness for and to defend Truth.

Naturally, this is not the only form resistance has assumed, but in all its other forms the leadership of the younger generation is also visible. They are a leading force in that they consistently oppose tyranny and because they know quite definitely what they do not want. They reject all the fetters which are imposed on Freedom, Justice and Conscience.

The need to work and to make efforts

Croatia has been obliged to send her children abroad, and Croatians have chosen to emigrate (if indeed they have been given a choice) because they loved their country. Croatia is thus the object of our prayers and of our paramount duty. But we have to do more for our country. If we merely love Croatia and do not act seriously in her interest, even this feeling will begin to wane, and will disappear between one sunrise and sunset ... Together we must apply our forces not only to bring about her freedom, to fan the inner fire into a big flame, but also to re-establish our free homeland. What moves us is Love but work and effort will bring about success. Results will not be obtained by frenetic applause and eyes misty with tears, but with cold and calculated actions, in secret and without words.

If we have done it already, we should develop our patriotic feelings and raise them to a higher, ethical level.

Reforms — a means of strengthening the existing power

Even when freedom is restricted and human rights are trampled underfoot, democratic aspirations do not disappear. Not even under Communism. These forces will in due time destroy the system from within. The Communist leadership does not need to be told this truth. Because they are conscious of it, they apply as often as possible the popular "measure" of "decentralisation." The purpose of this would seem to be to give the uninitiated something to play with, and to keep liberal groups and individuals busy with promises that something will happen, because within the framework of an absolute power nothing really happens. After a time it becomes evident that all these "decentralisations" and "reforms" are inadequate or ill-conceived, and then conspicuous in a given "phase." Finally, when society is faced with a catastrophe that has been looming but "prevented," the Party steps in, thus "saving" the class, the people and the State.

The necessity for political pluralism and engagement

Democracy requires above all else a political pluralism. We do not emphasize this as something "modern" or "noble," but as a prerequisite for the maintenance of healthy peacetime political activity, and as a real necessity for the security of the State. The destiny of a state and of a nation should at no time and under no circumstances be in the hands of a single political party. Besides, a multiparty regime is a protection against a nationalism which may degenerate into chauvinism. We have no wish to see the future Croatian State become the vehicle of hatred, either towards its own citizens or towards its neighbours.

Conclusion

So far we have quoted freely from Mr. Cizek's own writings. We can tell from these writings that Vjenceslaw Cizek is an unusual person with great insight and courage. He's a Croatian nationalist who believes in God. His spirit can be judged from a letter by a former fellow prisoner, Mr. Edhem Zeco. He writes:

When the majority of the prisoners, even hardened criminals and murderers, like and respect Mr. Cizek, then this really means something. One can see him as a man with exceptional moral and human virtues, and the prisioners have dubbed him 'a giant of a man.'

"He is a man with a great soul, always willing to stand up for others in a most disinterested manner and to make sacrifices to help them. A man unafraid of the cruel wardens of Zenica, constant in his faith and convictions. Never has he allowed his cruel keepers to strip him of the ideals for which he has fought and continues to fight — his love of and faith in Croatia.

"Even the loss of his eyesight has not broken his spirit, even though day in, day out, he is forced to scrub and mop the corridors of the prison despite his doctor's decision that he should be exempted from strenuous physical work. These cruel men want to destroy Cizek's body and spirit. I have also met other political prisoners. They have admitted that although they too suffer tortures every day, the treatment meeted out to Cizek is harsher. I will never forget the words Cizek uttered in that hell called Zenica: 'As long as I live no punishment will prevent me from bearing witness to Croatia.'"

Peaceful scene in Croatia — Bridge at Riyeka

The Homecoming

Doro Bakker

Last week Wednesday was a big day for our family. We were all excited about the homecoming! There were fresh yellow daffodils and bright red tulips waiting patiently on the window ledge. A big blue bow which had been tied around our pine tree waved at us as we walked up the steps to our home. The neighbour lady had baked her finest batch of chocolate chip cookies and put them on the kitchen table. The house was spotless. Even the air around us seemed to buzz with excitement and anticipation. The week before our new baby boy had been born. We were bringing him home for the first time. It was a big day for us!

Nine months earlier we found out that we were going to have another baby in our family. It made us feel proud and excited! Julian and Elena, our children, told everyone they met that a new brother or sister was growing inside their mom. There were hundreds of things they wanted to find out about. Did the baby tickle me inside, like raindrops do on your nose? How did my baby eat? Was he lonely all by himself inside of me?

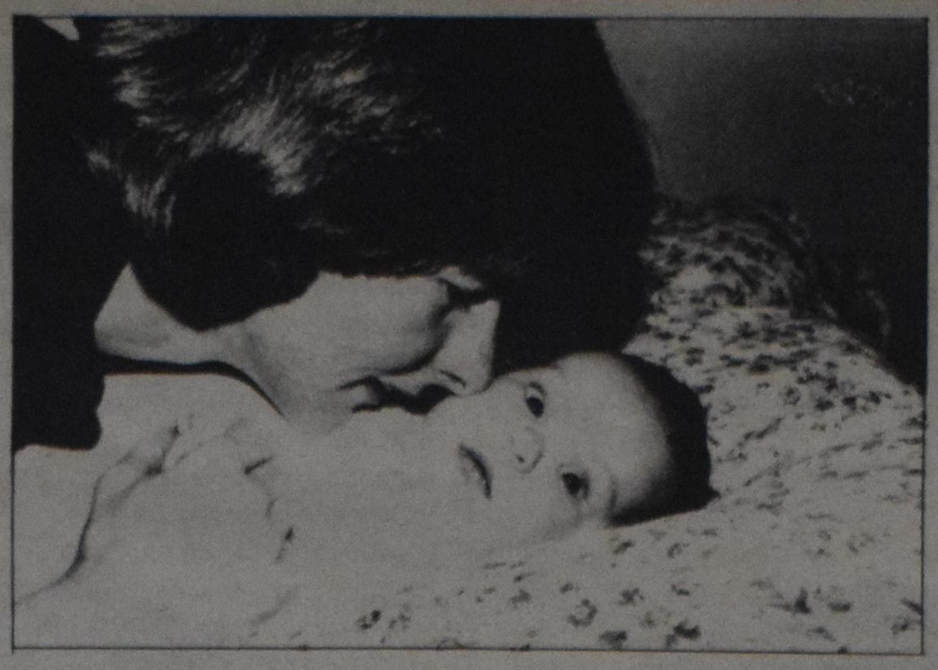
The nine months were a time of wondering for us. I grew bigger and rounder as the baby grew and floated and slept and dreamed deep, deep inside of me. We wondered who this new person was that was coming to join our family. We wondered if it would be a boy or a girl. We wondered if he would grow up with light or dark hair. One day I felt a little flutter inside my belly, like a tiny butterfly flitting about. We knew the baby was growing bigger and stronger.

Soon we could all feel the kicks and bounces as the baby did his daily tumbling routine.

Preparing for baby's arrival was fun for us all. We got tiny clothes from friends whose babies had grown too big to wear them. It was hard to imagine that someone could be so small to actually fit these doll size clothes! The little sleeping basket was dusted off and we sewed a bright red covering for it. We checked out dozens of books from the library that helped us understand how the baby grew from week to week.

Then the day came when I knew the baby was coming. We could feel my belly tightening and flexing as it got ready to push the baby out into the world. It was hard but happy work to birth our baby, but it didn't take long before he was there — gulping in mouthfuls of air and turning a healthy pink. His tiny bird-sized cry made us laugh with thankfulness. He was smaller and more wonderful than we ever dreamed. We named him Colin Simon and held him close.

Colin has been home for a week already. The daffodils and tulips have wilted and whithered. All the chocolate chip cookies have been eaten and the house doesn't always look neat. But the air still buzzes with excitement here as we all help to care for Colin.



Doro with her new bundle of joy

A baby begins to grow

Every baby is unique. No two are exactly alike.

Long before a baby is born, it starts growing from two very small cells that join together; one from the mother and one from the father. The cell from the father, called the sperm, and the one from the mother, called the ovum, contain little packages of instructions which will make the new baby look the way he will.

For example, these instructions tell what colour of eyes the baby will have, whether he/she will be short or tall and if his/her hair will be straight or curly, and whether he or she will be a he or she.

After the sperm and ovum join together, the new cell, only the size of a pinhead, divides over and over again. As the cells divide, each new cell knows exactly what part of the baby it will be.

Some of the cells will divide to become muscle or brain cells, some become the heart and legs and others will grow to become eyes and ears.

Babies grow very quickly before they are born. In five weeks tiny little eyes and the beginnings of arms and legs begin to grow. All this time the baby's tiny heart is beating away.

By the time the baby has been growing for three months inside its mother, all his parts have been formed. For the next six months the baby grows bigger and stronger.

Where does this growing baby stay in its mother all these months? It grows in a hollow place in the mother's body called the uterus. A clear but strong sac grows in the uterus and is filled with a special water.

As the baby grows in this sac, the liquid acts as a cushion protecting it from any bumps and knocks. The sac stretches like a balloon as the baby grows bigger and bigger.

Have you ever wondered how a growing baby gets its food and oxygen? It certainly can't breathe or eat inside the sac of water. When the mother eats, her food is digested and then goes into her blood. When she breathes, oxygen goes into her blood too.

All the mother's blood flows around the sac with the baby in it. The food and oxygen pass from the mother's blood through the cord into the baby.

But what is this cord? It's really the baby's lifeline. It supplies the baby with everything he needs. The cord grows from inside the mother and attaches to the baby, right where his belly button will be.

When the baby is born the cord is still fastened to him. The doctor ties up the cord and in a few days it dries up and falls off. Its job is done and it's no longer needed.

Now the baby's stomach must take over and digest its own food. Its lungs too are strong enough to breathe its own air.

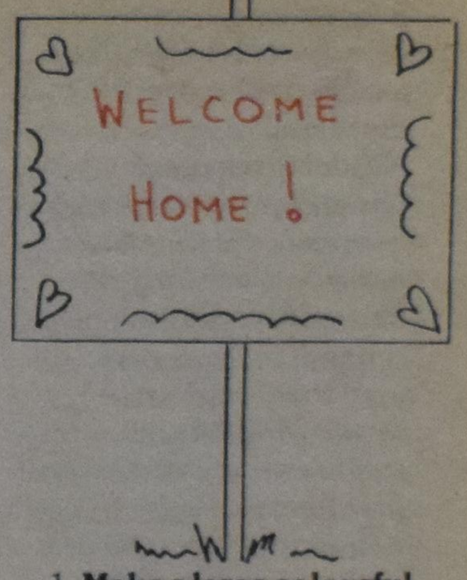
Each new baby that is born is another one of God's incredible miracles. Just imagine, you started off from two tiny cells, smaller than the dot at the end of this sentence. As you grew, each new cell knew exactly what part of you it was to become, making you a unique person!

Hey Kids,

As I promised in the last Kid's Page, I'm letting you know who saw the first few robins of spring. So here you are:

Bert, from St. Catharines, saw a robin on March 5th.
Mark, from Wellandport, on March 17.
Andrea, from Sarnia, on March 18.
Jason, from Red Deer, on March 25.
Mary, from Prince George, on March 29.
Karen, from Toronto, on April 2.

If you have already read the ENJOY column on this page, you'll know that I've had a new baby. Perhaps you're waiting for a baby in your family too. Here are some suggestions for making your mother's and baby's homecoming from the hospital special



1. **Make a large colourful sign** welcoming mother and baby home. You could get a strip of paper from a roll of white shelving paper and make it into a banner. It would be nice to hang it outside if you can find a place, or otherwise you could tape it to a wall inside. You could decide to make the sign out of cardboard, attach it to a strong stick, and put it on your front lawn like a "FOR SALE" sign. Include a "Welcome Home" to your mom and baby on the sign and decorate it with bright colours.

2. **Decorate your mother's favourite chair** for her. You *could use streamers, crepe paper* and anything that is bright and decorative.

Have you written or drawn anything that you'd like to see printed so others can enjoy your work too? Send it with your name, address and picture to:
Mailslot, Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3

Veld's Auto Body Ltd.

All types of auto body repairs and painting
Insurance work our specialty

Tel: 483-0392, 483-0393
Home: 455-5286
10025 - 169 Street, Edmonton, AB

Camping Special

In anticipation of a great 1984 summer

If there was ever a year which has definitely *not* been optimistically awaited, 1984 is it. George Orwell sure did a number on us didn't he? The world image of 1984 is somewhat bleak — the symbol of the triumph of inhuman totalitarianism over the freedom of the human spirit.

So why should I be happy about it? Because God has given me the unspeakable privilege, in the midst of a world of turmoil, to be part of his kingdom through the ministry of christian camping.

This summer I, and many of you reading this will be part of the mystical, unfathomable process in which the Holy Spirit enters the spirit of a child or young person and draws him or her to confession, to belief and to an eternal union with the heart of Almighty God. Is there anything in the entire created order of time and space which can possibly be so everlastingly worthwhile?

This summer all of us in christian camping will be part of the evangelism of children and youth. Some in a direct way, some in an indirect way. It is inconceivable that a Christian would not glow with excitement in looking forward to such an event.

This summer I, and many of you, will also be part of a sublime spiritual process in which the Holy Spirit acts through our lives, through the events we organize and through the settings we create to stir the heart of a christian child, to implant courage, discipline and determination, and to draw that child into a closer more mature walk with his or her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This summer we're going to have great weather again. Right? Don't be a doubter. You'll see it when you believe it ...

None of the above will just 'happen'. They'll come as a result of prayer and work (with the possible exception of the weather).

But what a staggering opportunity there is confronting us. It's worth praying for. It's worth working for. Praise the Lord!

Have a great summer!

Tarry a while in Terrace

We will be travelling to Ontario this summer and leaving our house in Terrace, BC in the middle of the best river salmon fishing period. Chinook and Coho salmon and Steel head trout are running mid July to end August. Boating and swimming are nearby. We notice many of our Alberta neighbours travelling through during the summer.

If any of your readers would like a place to stay while visiting the Terrace area, please make contact with: **Bert and Janna Seinen, 4711 McConnell Ave., Terrace, BC V8G 2G7 or phone: 635-4503.**

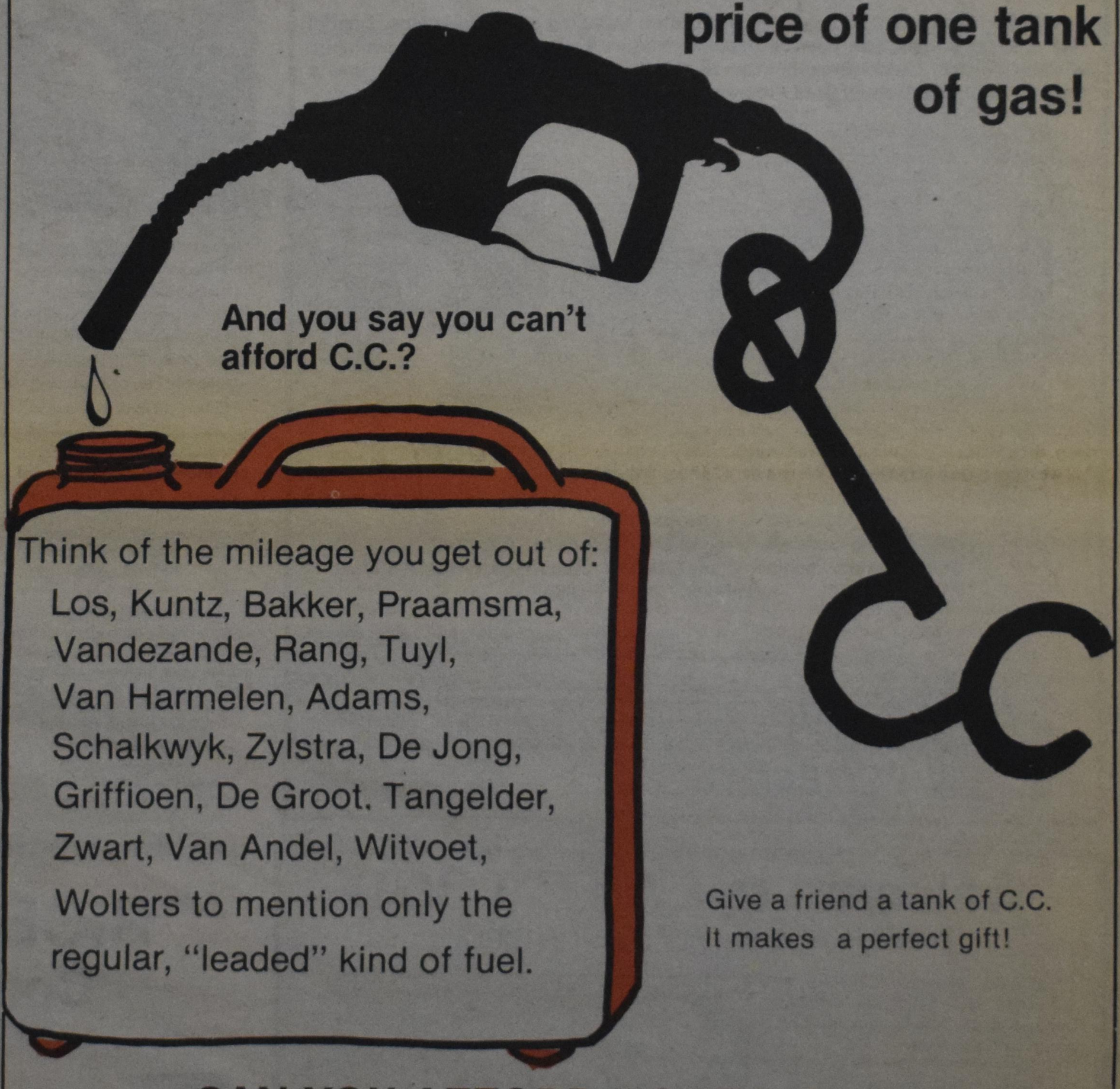
Little Europe Resort
Bracebridge, Muskoka

Voor een geslaagde vakantie met de Hollandse gezelligheid. Cottages te huur tegen redelijke prijzen. Uitstekende kampeer-, zwem- en vis gelegenheid, (ideaal voor groepskampen). "Little Europe" vindt u 8 mijl ten oosten van Highway 11, aan de Muskoka Rd., No. 4, voorheen VanKughmet Road, ongeveer 7 mijl ten noorden van Gravenhurst en voorbij de Muskoka Airport, Pim. 35 mijl van de Chr. Ref. Church in Orillia.

R.S. BAKEMA
Telephone: (705) 645-2738

DO YOU HAVE RELATIVES OVERSEAS?
Emergency air fare travel Insurance pays
2/3 of your airfare.
If you have to travel in an emergency.
For details call:
TRAVEL EMPORIUM
181 King St. W.
Dundas, ON L9H 1V3
523-0221 or 627-9271
1-800-263-0304

JUST THINK.... a whole year's subscription for the price of one tank of gas!


And you say you can't afford C.C.?
Think of the mileage you get out of:
Los, Kuntz, Bakker, Praamsma, Vandezande, Rang, Tuyl, Van Harmelen, Adams, Schalkwyk, Zylstra, De Jong, Griffioen, De Groot. Tangelder, Zwart, Van Andel, Witvoet, Wolters to mention only the regular, "leaded" kind of fuel.
C

Give a friend a tank of C.C. It makes a perfect gift!

CAN YOU AFFORD NOT TO TANK UP WITH C.C.?

I would like to let a friend tank up on C.C.
Enclosed find: ☐ $22.50 (one year subscription) or ☐ $42.50 (two year subscription)
Please send to:
Name _____
Street _____ Town _____
Province/State _____ Code/Zip _____
Make cheques or money orders payable to: **Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3**

Please bill me:
Name _____
Street _____
Town _____
Province/State _____ Code/Zip _____

Yes! I want to tank up on C.C.!

Enclosed find: ☐ $22.50 (one year subscription), or ☐ $42.50 (two year subscription)

Mail my copy soon to:
Name _____
Street _____ Town _____
Province/State _____ Code/Zip _____

Make cheques or money orders payable to: **Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3**

Camping Special

Rev. Siebren Wilts — Director

CAMP SHALOM

SUMMER CAMPS, 1984

A Ministry of the Reformed Church in America
For Young People, Grade 4 — Grade 12

Bible theme — Sing A New Song

Activities

Adventure Playground; Archery; Art and Crafts; Camping skills; Canoeing; Drama; Fun Events; Games; Leather Craft; Music; Nature Exploring; Sports; Swimming; Woodwork; Skill Camp (Seniors); Canoe Out Trip to Algonquin Park. We have a highly qualified and committed Program Staff.

Schedule

Week 1	July 2 - July 7	Grades 8, 9, 10
Week 2	July 9 - July 14	Grades 4 & 5
Week 3	July 16 - July 21	Grades 6 & 7
Week 4	July 23 - July 28	Grades 4,5,6 & 7
Week 5	July 30 - Aug. 4	Grades 6 & 7
Week 6	Aug. 6 - Aug. 11	Grades 8 & 9
Week 7	Aug. 13 - Aug. 18	Grades 4,5,6 & 7
Week 8	Aug. 20 - Aug. 25	Grades 10,11 & 12

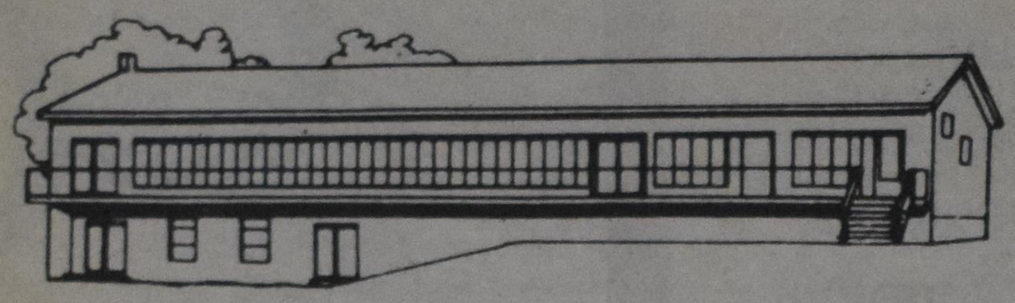
Canoe Trip (Co-ed, Highschool & Young Adult age) Aug. 14 - Aug. 20

Cost

Basic cost $80.00 per camper. Canoe trip $135.00.

Inquiries

For brochure and registration form write to or call:
Camp Shalom Summer Camps, R.R.#4, Cambridge, ON N1R 5S5
Telephone: (519) 623-4860



Group saves Lakewood

FOREST, Ont. — Lakewood Christian Conference Grounds has been in existence some 12 years, but financial difficulties forced the board to place the facilities and assets for sale. When it became apparent that no Christian Reformed organization was interested, and the only interested party was a Baptist Evangelical Association of London, some former members generated interest to keep Lakewood, reports Mr. Henry Barneveld of Sarnia.

Soon this small number increased to 28 people who collectively raised approximately $180,000.00 interest free capital. The amount was enough to purchase Lakewood with additional funds to plan installation of a large swimming pool.

The people which formed this group are members of several CRC churches from Wyoming, Woodstock, Aylmer, and Sarnia. They have only one aim, and that is to maintain a christian campground that identifies itself with the CRC

Cedarholm Cottages and Camping

Cottages on beautiful Kennebec Lake. Treed campsites. Sand beach, boats, motors, fishing.
R.R.1, Arden, ON K0H 1B0
1-613-335-2058

ALTON LODGES

1 & 2 bedroom clean, housekeeping cottages; family resort; 2 minute walk from beautiful sandy beach; close to fishing and 20 minutes from Chr. Ref. Church.
Telephone: 705-429-2420
Address: 459 Mosley St.
Wasaga Beach, ON
Site 30, Box #8, R.R.#1 L0L 2P0
LEN & RITA BETTE

Langs Marina and Campgrounds
Rice Lake

Reasonable cottages and campgrounds, excellent fishing, boats and motors, sandy beach, recreation hall. Seasonal campsites available for 1984.
Write or phone for brochure:

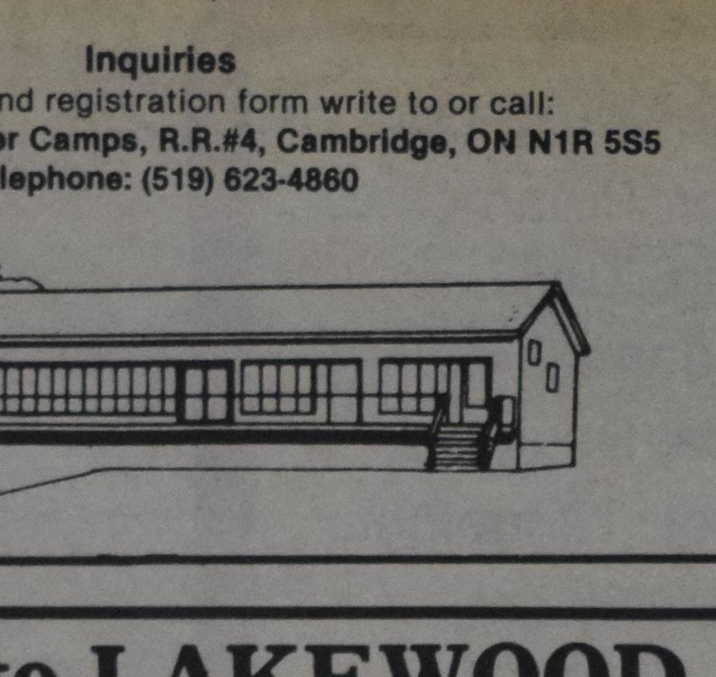
Langs Resort and Campgrounds,
R.R.#3, Roseneath, ON
K0K 2X0
Phone: (416) 352-2308

welcome to LAKEWOOD

YOUR HOSTS: BETTY AND BILL HORDYK

CAMPING: Lakewood consists of 125 acres of land, ponds, wooded trails, a creek, family camping and group camping area.

Our facilities include:
(a) water, hydro campsites
(b) natural campsites
(c) flush toilets and shower
(d) swimming in Lake Huron (300 metres); in all likelihood a 40 x 80' swimming pool and a toddlers pool will be installed this summer.
(e) 7 km. hiking trails
(f) trim and fit exercise course
(g) children's programs
(h) Sunday night Koffie Klets around campfire and devotions
(i) dumping station
(j) Saturday special social events
(k) picnic and game area
(l) large children's playground
(m) convenience store and a Christian atmosphere
(n) weekly films
(o) special events and activities



For further information contact:
Lakewood
Christian Campgrounds
R.R.5, Forest, Ontario N0N 1J0
Phone: (519) 899-4415 or (519) 337-6031

RICE LAKE Cottages

LANG'S MARINA RESORT

MODERN HOUSEKEEPING COTTAGES
Tent & Trailer Sites by the Day, Week or Season
FISHING LICENCES — BAIT — BOATS — MOTORS
Boat launching, Dock space, Sandy beach, Fish freezing
Dump tank, Recreation hall, Gas & oil, Store

Brochure on request:
JOAN & DOUG WILSON
R.R.#3, Roseneath, ON K0K 2X0
(416) 352-2308

Campsites

Camping Special

campground for reformed community

community.

There is no financial gain for the people who provided their monies in shares of $5,000.00 each.

Efforts are underway to form a non-profit organization. The new corporation will be known as Lakewood Christian Camp Grounds.

The facilities will accommodate family camping, group camping (chaperoned), and day use for picnics for all organizations. The potential swimming pool will add to the attraction.

The program/promotion committee is busy setting up programs for the four long weekends. With emphasis on, a family weekend, a young people weekend, senior citizen day with the possibility of a senior citizen olympics, and an international weekend.

The camp manager for the 1984 summer will be Mrs. Betty Hordyk assisted by her family. Her husband is the principal at John Knox Christian School in Wyoming.

"We are very excited about what has been accomplished to date," says Mr. Barneveld, "and we thank God for making this all possible. Already some 14 seasoned lots have been reserved by people as far away as Essex. Also a weekend has been reserved by the young people from the CRC in Drayton."

"on the Trent River"

FRIENDLY ACRES RESORT

MODERN COTTAGES

— fully furnished
— new electric heating for your comfort
— $145.00 per week and up

FAMILY CAMPING

100 fully serviced sites

- new pool
- fishing
- playground
- rec hall
- docking
- showers
- propane
- store

For brochure and price list write or phone:

YOUR HOSTS
Rip & Gerry Van Ginkel
R.R.#2, Hastings, Ontario
K0L 1Y0

1-705-696-2670

Vacation in Eastern Quebec

Enjoy your holidays on a mountain farm in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, together with a Christian family. We have a natural swimming pool, fed by a mountain stream. There is good hiking. Excellent meals provided fresh from the garden. We raise our own beef. Weekly summer special including room and 3 meals per day, $185 per person per week. Special rates for children.

For reservations:
Paul Schweizer Inc.
R.R.#2
Sutton, Quebec J0E 2K0
Phone: (514) 538-2129

Camp Ke-Mon-Oya Inc.
Lake Chandos
Apsley, Ontario
K0L 1A0
1984
(705) 656-3779 or 656-4754

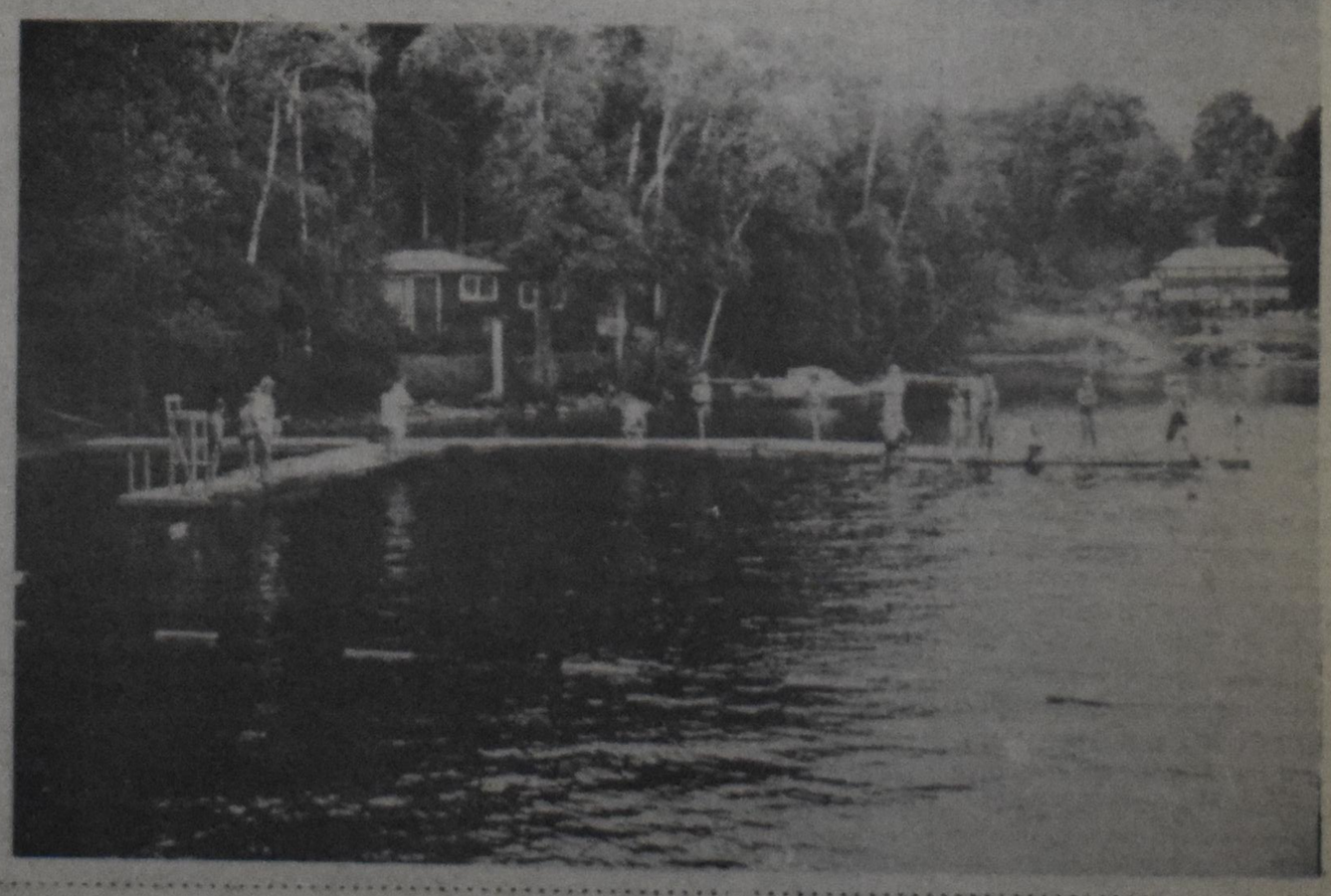
ACCREDITED MEMBER
ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION
CHRISTIAN CAMPING INTERNATIONAL

A. Summer Camp for boys and girls ages 8-14

B. C.I.T. Program for 15-17 year olds. (Counsellor-in-Training)

C. Canoe Trip "Algonquin Experience
- for boys 14 years and older, July 16-28
- for girls 14 years and older, July 30-Aug. 11

Program/Activities:
Archery
Arts and Crafts
Campcraft
Campfire Sessions
Canoeing
Devotions
Games
Hiking
Land Sports
Nature Study
Sailing
Sing-Songs
Swimming
Woodworking



Camp Dates:
July 2 - July 14/84
July 16 - July 28/84
July 30 - Aug. 11/84
Aug. 13 - Aug. 25/84

Camp Fees:
2 week sessions $250.00
(Provincial Sales Tax included)
4, 6 and 8 week sessions possible.

Registration forms available from:

Camp Ke-Mon-Oya
P.O. Box 124
Unionville, Ontario
L3R 2L8
Tel. (416) 294-8918

Request for Registration Form(s)
Camp Ke-Mon-Oya
1984

Mail to:
Camp Ke-Mon-Oya
P.O. Box 124
Unionville, Ontario
L3R 2L8
Tel: (416) 294-8918

Parents Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____
City _____ Postal Code _____
A. Camp Program Number of forms ☐ Son(s) ☐ Daughter(s)
B. C.I.T. Program Number of forms ☐ Son(s) ☐ Daughter(s)
C. Canoe Trip "Algonquin Experience Number of forms ☐ Son(s) ☐ Daughter(s)
Previous Ke-Mon-Oya Camper(s) ☐ New ☐
Following families would like to receive 1984 Camp Information

Summer Job Market

ACTON: Babysitter/Mother's helper — age 16, qualified lifeguard and Red Cross First Aid, experienced with children; telephone: 519-853-0758, Denise Looyenga, 30 Mowbray Place, Acton, ON L7J 2J8

BRANTFORD: Sixteen-year-old student, finished grade 11, looking for a summer job. Has drivers licence and life experience on swine farm. Willing to start new area. Contact Michael Bootsma at (519) 752-6316 or R.R.#1, Brantford, ON N3T 5L4 Canada.

BRUSSELS: 16-year old girl looking for summer employment. Have experience in babysitting, picking strawberries, mother's helper, and painter also a good typist. Willing to work and learn. Please contact me at 519-887-6054, ask for Veronica Bakelaar. R.R.#5, Brussels, ON N0G 1H0

BURLINGTON: Marita Blaak, 21, 3rd year music education student at Western, needs summer employment, preferably Burlington or Hamilton. Experienced in office work, types 40 wpm, enjoys working with children. Available April 30. Write or call: 2184 New St., Burlington; tel: (416) 637-7479.

BURLINGTON: My name is Linda Vander Klippe and I am seeking summer employment from May 1 to August 31, 1984. I am a first year Redeemer College student. I have experience in: receptionist/secretarial, milking, and babysitting and would appreciate a job in any of these or any other field. Resume and references available. Contact me at: 657-1 Francis Rd., Burlington, ON L7T 3X6; 1-416-634-8246 and after April 19: R.R.#5, Lucknow, ON N0G 2H0; 1-519-357-1688.

BURLINGTON: 16-year-old boy looking for summer job on a farm of any kind. Has drivers' licence. Please contact Gilbert Verwey at 416-632-3636 after 5:00 p.m.

CLINTON: Ambitious young man, 22 years old, is looking for a full-time summer job, from May to Sept. I am majoring in the field of Child Care, but will accept any type of job available. Phone Richard teBrinke, (519) 482-3567.

CAISTOR CENTRE: I am an 18-year-old girl presently attending christian high. I am seeking any type of employment in any part of S.W. Ontario for the months of July and August. I have experience in child care and house cleaning. If you can help me, contact me, Annette Klazinga, at (416) 957-7700 or R.R.#2, Caistor Centre, ON L0R 1E0

CAMBRIDGE: An 18-year-old student in grade 12, looking for a summer job. Have worked for several summers on a dairy farm. I am willing to consider a job offering in any field. Contact Pete Timmerman at: 61 Woodland Dr., Cambridge, ON N1R 2X7; phone: 621-4502.

Job Market

CAMBRIDGE: 16-year-old female is seeking a job in Southern Ontario as a mother's helper or babysitter. Experienced in doing housework and babysitting children. For more information contact: Mary Versteeg. Write: R.R.#21, Cambridge, ON N3C 2V3 or call: (519) 658-2692.

CORBYVILLE: First year Kemptville student looking for summer employment on a farm, preferably dairy. Room and board required. Call (613) 477-2978, Marg desnoo.

DRAYTON: I am a 16-year-old high school student who would like a summer job. For information call Brian at 638-2934.

DRAYTON: I am a 14-year-old high school student (will be 15 in June). Hard working! Contact Ron at 638-2934.

DRAYTON: 17-year-old Christian High School student is looking for a summer job. Experienced working in the house, garden, and some farm work. Willing to try almost anything. Write or call: Nancy Rumph, Box 4, Drayton, ON N0G 1P0; 519-638-2053.

DRAYTON: Hi! My name is Darlene Borger and I will be 17 this summer. Presently I am a grade 11 student at a Christian High School. I have been babysitting a lot and I enjoy working with children but I am sure that I would also like to work in a store, care for elderly people or work with handicap persons. For more information and references contact me at: Box 141, Drayton, ON N0G 1P0; 1-519-638-2066.

DRESDEN: I am a 19-year-old young man who will be completing Grade 13 in June. I plan to attend university in the fall to study journalism. I am interested in a business oriented job such as a store clerk. I have had experience and I have completed senior business courses in school. I am eager and very willing to work. More information and resumes can be obtained by contacting: Fred C. DeVries, R.R.#7, Thamesville, ON N0P 2K0; phone: (519) 692-5004 (after 4:30 p.m.)

DUNNVILLE: My name is Joyce VanHell. I am 17-years old and will be through Smithville Chr. High School in June. I am looking for a full-time or part-time job. I have experience in greenhouses, housework and also some in dairy farming. I enjoy working with children also. Please phone or write: Joyce VanHell, phone: 416-774-3241 or write R.R.#2, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W2

GRIMSBY: A Dutch student studying for English teacher in Holland, 22 years old, is looking for work in Canada from July 1st to mid August, preferably in the Niagara region. Please contact Mr. J. Verbruggen at 945-3517.

EDMONTON: 18-year-old Christian highschool student seeks summer employment in the Edmonton area, end of May to mid August. Experienced in babysitting, volunteer camp counselling, various odd jobs, and care of horses. Have a drivers license. Contact Chris Horsman, 11820B - 41st, Edmonton, AB T5W 2L8; phone: 477-2954.

FERGUS: My name is Annette Wierstra and I will be 16 this summer. I am looking for summer employment at any job possible. I have experience at babysitting, housecleaning and stable-hand duties. For more information call me at 843-2531, Fergus, any time after four p.m.

Job Market

FOREST: My name is Evelyn. I am 18-years-old and will be through Lambton Chr. High school in June. Then I am looking for a part or full-time job. I was born on a farm, so any work related to farm work is welcome. Also like to work with small children, or as mother's helper, Preferable in South-West Ontario. Please phone or write: Evelyn Klazinga, R.R.1, Forest, ON N0N 1J0; phone: 786-4694.

GUELPH: I am a 16-year-old christian high school student looking for summer employment. I have experience in babysitting and housework and am willing to work in a store or most anything else. Please call Valerie Tacoma at 824-5295 (519) after 4:30 p.m. or write: V. Tacoma, 2 Worton Ave., #26, Guelph, ON N1H 7C5. References available.

IONA STATION: 19-year-old farmgirl looking for a summer job on any type of farm. Has experience in farrow to finish operation and white veal. Available from June 20 till the end of August. Please phone Monica Noorloos at 519-762-5933. R.R.#3, Iona Station, N0L 1P0

KERWOOD: I am an 18-year-old student. I would like work on a dairy farm in southern Ontario. I have had several years experience. Frank Wielinga, R.R.#3, Kerwood, ON N0M 2B0; phone: 519-247-3262.

LINDSAY: Hi my name is Linda Griffioen and I will be 16 this fall. I am seeking work anywhere in Ontario or Quebec; on a farm, or as a nanny-housekeeper. For more information contact me at R.R.#1, Cannington, ON L0E 1E0; phone: 705-437-1023.

LISTOWEL: 18-year-old high school student looking for a summer job. Has had experience in farming as well as a part-time job floral delivering this past winter. Willing to try anything. References may be obtained. Please contact Jeannette Koetsier, R.R.#3, Listowel, ON N4W 3G8; (519) 638-2075.

LONDESBORO: I am 18 years of age looking for full-time employment. I am willing to do almost any type of work. Call Arlene Vanderlei at 519-523-4576 or write to Box 133, Londesboro, ON N0M 2H0.

Maitland; My name is Randy Hunink. I'll be 16 this July and would like to find a job by then. I have experience in lawncare and cleaning and have had 1½ semesters of auto mechanics in which I'm particularly interested. Contact me at (613) 348-3774 or write P.O. Box 241, Maitland, ON K0E 1P0

MISSISSAUGA: My name is Margaret Vander Mey and I am 19 years old. I live at 1600 Liveoak Dr. in Mississauga, On L5E 2X7; phone: 416-274-9448. I am presently finishing my first year in General Business at Humber College. I've had 4½ years experience as a salesperson. I would prefer a job that is office or business related, but I am willing to take any job. Will be available by May 14.

MISSISSAUGA: 19-year-old Calvin College student is looking for summer employment on a dairy farm in South-west Ontario. Starting June 1. Please contact Marian Ijzerman, 2134 Haygate Cresc., Mississauga, ON L5K 1L5; phone: 416-822-8139.

MOOREFIELD: 16-year-old girl looking for a summer job. Willing to do almost anything. Write or call: Joyce VandenHazel, R.R.#2, Moorefield, ON N0G 2K0; (519) 638-2936.

Job Market

MOOREFIELD: I am a 17-year-old college bound student looking for summer employment from July to September. I am experienced in farm work (dairy and swine) but I'm willing to take on any challenges. I love the outdoors and I am very eager, responsible and hardworking. Please contact: Rose Vanden Hazel, R.R.#2, Moorefield, On N0G 2K0; phone: 519-638-2611.

PALMERSTON: I am a 17-year-old student looking for a summer job. I have experience in babysitting, house cleaning, chicken catching, and have worked and lived on a dairy farm all my life. I would enjoy the opportunity to increase my knowledge through my work. References available. Write Linda Benning, R.R1, Palmerston, ON N0G 2P0 or call: (519) 638-2512.

PETERBOROUGH: Third-year Calvin College student, 20 years old, seeks summer employment. Available 21 May - 31 August. I prefer the Peterborough-Belleville area. Have experience as a secretary/receptionist (4 years), bank teller (1½ years), and cashier (1 summer). Am willing to work outdoors (greenhouse/garden centre). Contact Monique Verhoef at 307 Eldersveld, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49506. Phone: 1-616-957-6759. After 16 May at R.R.#4, Campbellford, ON K0L 1L0; phone: 1-705-653-2969.

PORT DOVER: 17-year-old, with Grade 11 education and life-time experience on dairy farm, looking for summer job on dairy farm. Ask for Wayne. Phone: 1-519-426-2813.

REXDALE: My name is Lynn Kuntz. I am 16 years old and presently in grade 10. I am looking for a part or full-time summer job. The kind of job I would like is babysitting or working at a day-care centre. I live in Toronto and would like if possible the job to be in or around the city. My address is 7 Deanlea Crt., Rexdale, ON M9V 2R5; phone: 416-741-3092 after 4:00 p.m.

ROXBORO: Que: Are you looking for a young, strong and eager person to help you with your work? Look no further! I'm eighteen and experienced in farmwork. Steve Mons, 66 - 8th Ave., Roxboro, Mtl. Que., H8Y 2W5; phone: 514-684-3731.

ST. ANN'S: My name is Lorna Creighton and I graduate from Smithville District Chr. High school this year. I am looking for employment from June 30 through August 31. I would like to work where I will gain experience in office procedures. But I have experience in milking and mother's help. Please contact me at R.R.#1, St. Ann's, L0R 1Y0 or 957-7221 after 4:30 p.m.

ST. CATHARINES: Hi! my name is Rob Kok, turning 15 years in July. I am interested in a job on a dairy farm for the summer months. I have worked on a dairy farm and really enjoyed it. Please phone: 688-4164.

ST. CATHARINES: My name is Ted Lesage and I will turn 16 this year. I would like to work on a dairy farm for the summer months, so I'll be able to pay for my chr. high school education. Please contact me at (416) 935-7242 or at my home address: 74 Lakehurst Dr., St. Catharines, ON L2N 4C4.

SMITHVILLE: I am 17 years old and looking for a summer job. I am a Chr. High student with life-time experience on dairy operation. Able to operate most farm machinery. Will consider relief milking on small operation. Has drivers license. For references call Edward at 416-957-3897. I am available from June 22 - August 31, Southern Ontario preferred. Please call John DeVries at 416-957-3897.

Job Market

ST. CATHARINES: Grade 13 student seeking summer employment to finance education at Calvin College. Experienced at working in grocery store, restaurant, teaching piano lessons and field work. Has lifeguarding credentials, driver's license and typing ability. Interested in any type of work. Responsible and diligent. Call: Marguerite Witvoet at (416) 937-1239 or write: 455 Bunting Road, St. Catharines, ON L2M 3Z3

SEAFORTH: Hi! I am a 17-year-old girl currently attending Grade 12. I would really like a summer job. I especially like garden work, greenhouse work and selling produce. I have experience in these and other fields of work. If you can help me, please contact Jane VandeBan, R.R.#1, Seaforth, ON N0K 1W0 or call Jane at (519) 527-0705.

SMITHVILLE: My name is Laura Elzinga, 17 years old, in my last year of Christian high and hoping to attend Redeemer in the Fall. I am looking for summer employment and have experience in farm work, greenhouse, office, cashiering and child care, and have enjoyed working in any of these areas. Please contact me at 957-2060 or 12 Brooks Circle, Box 461, Smithville, ON L0R 2A0

THAMESFORD: 17-year-old young man looking for a summer job anywhere in Ontario. Has experience with poultry and also helped neighbourhood farmers with haying and other jobs. Has driver's licence. For more information, please contact Ed Amsinga, R.R.#4, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0 or phone 285-5217.

THAMESFORD: 16-year-old young man looking for summer employment. Willing to work at anything. Has experience in poultry, haying, and other farm duties and selling fruit and vegetables at market. For more information please contact Roger Amsinga at 285-5217, R.R.4, Thamesford, N0M 2M0

TORONTO: Young man, 19, looking for summer job (July and Aug.) on a dairy farm or beef range preferably western Canada or US. Has dairy farm experience. Please call Ed Griffioen collect at 416-221-5949; 95 Caines Ave., Toronto, ON M2R 2L2.

TRENTON: Hi! My name is Annita Pennings and I am seeking a summer job either babysitting or caring for mentally impaired. I am willing to relocate to work full-time in your home. I have worked in both areas. I am a 16-year-old grade 10 graduate. References available. Write to: A. Pennings, R.R.#3, Carrying Place, ON K0K 1L0 or call: 1-613-392-5981.

WELLANDPORT: A Christian high school grade 11 student, 16½ years of age. Would like a full-time babysitting and light housekeeping job for this summer in the Niagara Peninsula. Is great with children and responsible. Is willing to live in if necessary. Lives at R.R.#3, Wellandport. Phone Patricia VanderHeide, 386-6708.

WOODSTOCK: 17-year-old girl would like a summer job, preferably in Southwestern Ontario. I have experience in caring for young children and various other jobs. I am open to any new challenges and experiences you can offer. I am willing to live-in and have a valid drivers licence. Reference available upon request. Please write to Wilma Luth, R.R.#1, Burgessville, ON N0J 1C0; or phone (519) 424-9316.

Classifieds

Classified Rates

Births	$22.00
Marriages & Engagements	$25.00
Anniversaries	$29.00
Obituaries	$28.00
Notes of thanks	$21.00

All other one-column classified advertisements: $5.00 per column inch with a minimum of $7.50. For letter under box number, $7.50 extra
Calvinist Contact will not be responsible for any errors due to hand-written or phoned in advertisements.
Tearsheets will be mailed only upon request.

Calvinist Contact
99 Niagara St., St. Catharines
On L2R 4L3, (416) 682-8311

Thanks

DE BOER: The family of the late Jan C. De Boer like to thank all their relatives and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown during his illness and passing away. To know that he now lives with Jesus where there is no pain or sickness is our comfort.
Mrs. H. De Boer-Bouknegt.

MURRE: We would like to say thank you so very, very much to everybody, who made our 50th Wedding Anniversary an unforgettable day. Thanks for gifts, flowers, cards and best wishes. A special thank you to our children Tijs & Maureen, John & Marg, Audrey & Jim, for all they have done for us, and all their love, to make this such a joyous celebration. Above all, thanks to God, who gave us this day.
Rinus & Trudy Murre, 52 Lafayette Dr., St. Catharines, ON L2N 6C2

Births

BREUKELMAN: With much joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we, Fred and Amy would like to announce the birth of our third child. BRENDA JOY, born on April 14, 1984. A sister for Melanie and Allison. Happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Klaas TenHave and Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Breukelman, all of Thunder Bay, Ontario.
R.R.#3, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 4V2

Marriages

BOER-PLUGERS: With joy and thankfulness to God, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boer, and Mr. and Mrs. Cor Plugers, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, TAMARA and KEN. The wedding will take place, the Lord willing, Saturday, June 2, 1984, at 3:00 p.m. in Covenant Chr. Ref. Church, St. Catharines, Ont. Rev. J. Vos officiating.
Future address: Box 164, Jordan Stn., ON L0S 1S0

BOOT-BAARDA: With thankfulness to the Lord Mr. and Mrs. John Boot of Freelton, Ont. are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, GRACE to CHESTER BAARDA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hessel Baarda of Smithville, Ont. The wedding will take place, the Lord willing, on Saturday, May 19, 1984 at 1 p.m. in the First Chr. Ref. Church of Hamilton, Ont. Rev. G. Van Arragon officiating.
Future address: 1464 Centre Rd., Carlisle, ON L0R 1H0

ELGERSMA-HOLWERDA: Mr. and Mrs. E. Elgersma of Dunnville, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Holwerda of Hudsonville, Mich., are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, CAROL and FRED. The Lord willing, the ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 2, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. in the Bethel Chr. Ref. Church of Dunnville, Ont. Rev. J. Nutma officiating.

Marriages

PIET-FABER: Mr. and Mrs. Maarten Piet and Mr. and Mrs. Peter K. Faber are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, JOANNE CHRISTINE and MARTIN. The ceremony will take place, D.V., on May 26, 1984 at 1400 hrs. in the Grace Chr. Ref. Church of Scarborough, Ont. Pastor Jack Vos of St. Catharines officiating.
Future address: 5 Gaiety Dr., Scarborough, ON M1H 1B9

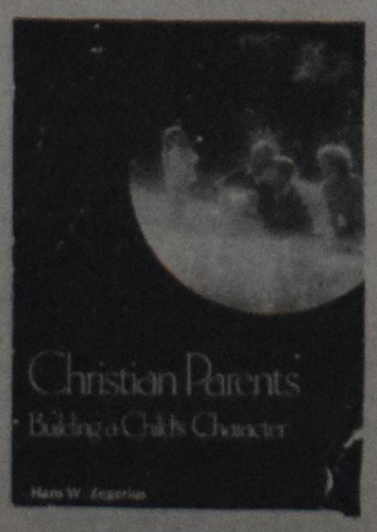
FOKKENS-DEBEER: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fokkens and Mr. and mrs. Fred DeBeer are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, KAREN and ANDREW. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 26, 1984, D.V., at 3 p.m. in the CRC of Georgetown, Ont. Rev. J. De Jong officiating.
Future address: 205 Vodden St., #507, Brampton, ON L6V 1M9

GROOT-HEDLIN: Mr. and Mrs. Adrian de Groot of Edmonton, Alta., are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, CATHERINE DOROTHY to MICHAEL ANDREW HUVUD, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hedlin, of Saskatoon, Sask. The wedding ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on May 19, 1984, at 11:00 a.m. in the 3rd Chr. Ref. Church of Edmonton. Rev. Dr. Sid de Waal officiating.

GROOT-MARTENS: Mr. and Mrs. Piet Groot of Rexdale, and Mr. and Mrs. Johannes H. Martens of Listowel are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, CHRISTINE IRENE and THEODORE SIDNEY. The ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on Saturday, June 2, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. in the Second Chr. Ref. Church of Toronto. Rev. P. Kranenburg officiating.
Future address: 35 Tofield Cres., Rexdale, ON M9W 2B8

TIESMA-VAN DEN TEMPEL: The forthcoming marriage is joyfully announced of ELIZABETH JANE and THEODORE ADRIAN, children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Tiesma of London, Ont. and Mr. and Mrs. George Van Den Tempel of Stratford, Ont. The ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on Saturday, June 2, 1984, 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Stratford, Ont. The Rev. Ray Buchanan officiating.
Future address: Poole, ON N0K 1S0

Best Wishes!



Announce the birth of your son or daughter in C.C. Classifieds and we will send you a FREE COPY of Christian Parents by Hans Zegerius (an $8.95 value)

Marriages

VANENGEN-VANDERLAAN: With thankfulness to the Lord, we, JOHN WILLIAM and AUKJE JITSKE, with our parents, Mrs. Gé Van Engen of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Van der Laan of Ancaster, are pleased to announce that we will be married, D.V., on Friday, June 1, 1984, in the Chr. Ref. Church of Ancaster, Ont., at 6:30 p.m. Rev. C. VanNiejenhuis officiating.
Future address: 2450 Edgar St., Regina, SK S4N 3L3

Anniversaries

Ulrum — Edmonton
1949 — May 30 — 1984
With joy and thankfulness to our God, we wish to announce the 35th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

MENNO and GRACE BUWALDA
(nee Horneman)

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you and keep you in his constant care.
With love from your children and grandchildren:
Anko & Trincy Buwalda; Douglas, Dianne, Peter, Kathryn — Edmonton
Abel Buwalda — Whiterock, BC
Meina & Henk Buijze — Edmonton
Robert & Dorothy Buwalda — Edmonton
Richard — Edmonton
3633 - 117 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5W 0X9

Aldecea — Dunnville
1959 — May 15 — 1984
Dyt yn it skulplak fen e Allerheegste sit scil oernachtsje yn it skaed fen e almachtige (Psalm 91:1).
With joy and thanksgiving, we hope, the Lord willing, to celebrate with our parents,

TSJIBBE and AKKE DE JONG
(nee de Haan)

The happy occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.
It is our prayer that the Lord may continue to bless them with each other and us with them.
With love and congratulations from your children:
Hindrik & Irene (girlfriend)
Nynke
Riemke & Harold
Fiona & Wilfred (boyfriend)
Sietske & John (boyfriend)
Boukje
Rennie
Maaike
— all of Dunnville, Ont.

Rinsumageest — Abbotsford
1934 — May 24 — 1984
With joy and thankfulness to the Lord we are happy to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents,

ROY and ROSE HUIZENGA
(nee Wijngaarden)

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Peter 5:7).
We pray that the Lord may continue to bless and keep you, as he has done in the past.
Love and congratulations Dad and Mom, Pake and Beppe:
Ype & Gerry; Rose & Neil Enns, Ron & Moneka Huizenga, Don & Sharon; Adrian (Georgetown, Ont., Carol, Tony, Cheryl — Matsqui, BC
Joyce & Case Wiersma; Theresa : Hans Schmitt, Rose & Fred, Grace & Wayne Robertson, Lyn & Eric, Marlene — Deroche, BC
Helen & Tony De Vries; Bonnie & Mitch, Charmaine & John, Michelle, Sherry — Matsqui, BC
great-grandchildren: Joey, Trina, Sandy Enns.
Home address: 2821 Ash St., Abbotsford, BC V2S 4G3

Congratulations!

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Gerrit and Dirkje van der Heide (nee Zwart) who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary, the Lord willing, on May 23, 1984

Wellandport — Beamsville
1959 — 1984
May 30
With joy and thanks to God we hope, the Lord willing, to celebrate on May 30, 1984 the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our dear parents and grandparents,

GERALD W. and DIANA EIKELENBOOM
(nee Siderius)

We pray that God who was with them in the past will continue to guide and bless them in the years to come.
With love and congratulations from your children and grandchildren:
Ron & Shirley Eikelenboom
Sandra & Iain Simons; Crystal
Carolyn Eikelenboom
Open House Friday, June 1, 8 - 10.
Home address: R.R#1, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0

Bolward — Edmonton
1944 — May 23 — 1984
With joy and thankfulness to our God, we wish to announce the 40th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

ORVILLE and RIA HUISMAN
(nee Plantinga)

We would like to thank Heit & Mem for all their love to us, and prayers offered to God on our behalf.
With love from:
Randall & Sandra Huisman & children
Paul & Ev Huisman & children
Henry & Cathy Visscher & children
Ralph & Judy Huisman & children
Charles & Annette Tsang & children
We will celebrate this joyous occasion, D.V., May 26, 1984 with an Open House in the basement of the Second Chr. Ref. Church from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Best wishes only.
Home address: 12119-132 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5L 3P6

Enschede — Brampton
1934 — May 16 — 1984
With thanks to our Lord we celebrated the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

HARRY and MARIE KIEFTE
(nee Nijenhuis)

We pray that God will continue to guide and bless them in the years to come.
With love and congratulations:
Brenda & Gerry VanMiddelkoop; John & Sita; Melanie, Tyler — Brampton
Mary-Ann & Brian Kalte — Burlington
Teresa — Brampton
Wilma — Brampton
Margaret — Brampton
Wilma & John VanDeKemp; Clarence; Marian & Tony Kortleve; Joshua, David, Evelyn & Michael Veenstra; Sheena, Harry, Brenda — Toronto
Home address: 27 Hillside Dr., Bramalea, ON L6S 1A2

Ferwerd, (Fr.) — Strathroy, Ont.
1929 — 1984
Loof, loof, den heer, mijn ziel met alle krachten. (Psalm 103:1 ber.)
Zo de heere wil hopen wij met onze ouders groot en overgrootouders,

GERRIT en DIRKJE VAN DER HEIDE
(geb. Zwart)

op 23 mei de dag te herdenken dat zy hun 55 jarige huwelijksdag mogen vieren. Hartelyk gefeliciteerd
Heit en Mem, Pake en Beppe van:
Wieger & Teunie van der Heide — Strathroy
Geurt & Ida Kroesbergen — Ailsa Craig
Sidney & Hielkje van der Heide — Mitchel
Steve & Freeda Beintema — Watford
Herman & Theresa De Haan — Sarnia
Bertha van der Heide — Poplar Hill
Max van der Heide — Oshawa
39 kleinkinderen en 10 achter kleinkinderen.
Home adres: 282 Ellor St., Strathroy, ON N7G 2L4

1934 — May 24, D.V. — 1984
With happiness and thanksgiving to the Lord, we will celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

RICHARD and SANDRA POSTHUMUS
(nee Greydanus)

We thank God for his love and care shown throughout these 50 years. Our prayer is for his continuing grace and blessing in their lives.
Congratulations and love from:
Jeanette
Martin & Karen; Courtney
Richard
Sandra & Crystal
Alice & John (engaged)
John
Peter
Home address: Trinity Tower, Box 208, 7900 McLaughlin Rd. S., Brampton, Ont.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

JACK and NETTY VANDENDOOL
(nee Van Rossum)

on May 6, 1984.
May they share many more years together.
From their loving children:
Cheryl
Susanne
Rene

Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; the upright shall dwell in Your presence.
(Psalm 140:13).

Classifieds

Anniversaries

1954 June 3 1984
With thanks to God for his unfailing providence, we wish to announce the 30th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

ARIE and ELLEN VAN EEK
(nee Ploegstra)

"... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15b).
With love from your children:
Calvin & Gloria — Toronto, Ont.
Jane & George Nieuwenhuis — Calgary, Alta.
Esther — Toronto, Ont.
Shirlene — Waterdown, Ont.
John — Waterdown, Ont.
Home address: Box 82D, S.S. 1, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0

Exeter Moorefield
1959 June 6 1984
Psalm 119:5.
We hope to celebrate with our parents,

JOHN and BERTHA VAN SOEST
(nee Poortinga)

the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.
We are thankful to the Lord for the years he has given you together, and pray he will continue to guide you and bless you both in the future.
Irene & George — Kitchener
John & Pam; Robyn — Woodstock
Susan & Stan Brudnicki — Lindsay
Jeff — at home
Barbi Joy — at home
You are welcome to congratulate them on Wednesday, June 6, at the Moorefield Community Centre, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Best wishes only!
Home address: R.R.#2, Moorefield, ON N0G 2K0

Utrecht Exeter
1939 1984
On May 25th, the Lord willing, our parents,

CORNELIS and GERRITJE VERKERK
(nee De Pee)

hope to celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary.
We are thankful to God for guiding and blessing them and pray that he will also do so in the years to come.
With love and congratulations from:
Corrie & Art Schreuders; Julia, Jim, Mary, Jonathan — Stratford, Ont.
Audrey & Pete Boersma; Dianne, Don, Ken, Sharon, Raymond, Eugene, Trevor, Alison — Exeter, Ont.
Mynie & Jack Zondag; Dave, Jim, Wilma, Bob, Randy — St. Catharines, Ont.
Geri & George Westerik — London, Ont.
Wilma & Ned Ash; Ned, Damien, Marcus — Grand Rapids, Mich. USA
Jenny & Keith Bestward; Kincardine, Ont.
Gretta Verkerk — London, Ont.
Sally & Pete Hummel; Richard, Chris, Katherine, Timothy — Sarnia, Ont.
John Verkerk — London, Ont.
Joe & Dorothy Verkerk — New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA
Home address: 97 Andrew North. P.O. Hay, ON N0M 1W0

Anniversaries

Muntendam (Gr.) Grimsby
1959 May 25 1984
With thanksgiving to the Lord for all his blessings, we are happy to announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

KLAAS and FENNY WIERENGA
(nee Flikkema)

Congratulations Mom and Dad with love:
Sandy
Jody
Jackie
Open House will be held, D.V., on Friday, May 25, 1984, from 7-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Mountainview CRC, Grimsby. At the corner of Hwy. 8 and Bartlett Rd.
Best wishes only, please.
Home address: 374 Book Rd., N., Grimsby, On L3M 2M6

Hazerswoude — Mt. Vernon
1944 May 26 1984
40th Anniversary
"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8).
With thanks to God we share in the joy of our parents and grandparents as they celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary,

JELLE and MACHELTJE ZYLSTRA
(nee Rademaker)

We pray that God will continue to bless them and keep them in his care.
With love and best wishes:
Cathy & Henry Zuidema — Wallaceburg
Auke & Frances Zylstra — Brantford
Jacomina & John Winter — Brantford
Bill & Linda Zylstra — Burford
Margaret & John Seldentuis — Cambridge
Lypje Zylstra — Mt. Vernon
Wybe Zylstra — Mt. Vernon
Gary & Susan Zylstra — Paris
Minke & Robert Leederste — Brantford
Reina Zylstra — Brantford
Jelle & Sandy Zylstra — Brantford
Cora & Bert Vandebeek — Aurora
Marius & Christena Zylstra — Brantford
Janet Zylstra — Mt. Vernon
Bryan & Gaye — Burford
also 30 grandchildren.
An Open House will be held on Saturday, May 26, 1984, at the Mt. Vernon, Church Hall, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Everyone welcome.
Home address: R.r.#4, Brantford, ON N3T 5L7

Obituaries

The choir of the CRC in Kentville, N.S. wishes to extend deepest christian sympathy to Harry and Margaret van der Kloet and their children in the tragic death of their son and brother,

TERENCE DWAYNE VAN DER KLOET

at the age of 14 on April 30, 1984.
May the sure promise of our covenant God be a continuous source of deep comfort to them in their sorrow.

Travel

Menno TRAVEL SERVICE

"Your First Stop to Anywhere in the World"
Lakeshore Square
33 Lakeshore Rd.
St. Catharines, Ont.
Phone: (416) 937-0550
toll free ZENITH 97110
Corrie De Jong, Sales Representative 934-5358 (home)

Obituaries

On April 30 the Lord called unto himself our dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather,

WALTER (Wiebe) MIEDEMA

Husband of the late Frieda Struiksma.
At the age of 82 years.
Dear father of:
Elizabeth & Gerrit Vander Ploeg — R.R.1, Shallow Lake, Ont.
Anna & John Vander Ploeg — R.R. 1, Shallow Lake, Ont.
Joane & Sidney Miedema — P.O. Box 6019, Fort St. John, BC
Carol & Bastian Visser — P.O. Box 899, Bradford, Ont.
Sidney & Della Miedema — R.R.1, Georgetown, Ont.
30 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.
We are sad but not like those who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will take back with Jesus those who have died believing in him.

Personal

Het consulaat generaal der Nederlanden zou gaarne in contact willen komen met de navolgende personen:

BUITENWEG, Otto, geboren 31 december 1932 te Maassluis, laatstbekende adres in Canada (in 1977): 116 Hazelton Toronto, Ontario, gehuwd met Marion Waite. Uit een eerste huwelijk zijn twee zonen, thans woonachtig in de Vancouver area. Betrokkene is in 1965 naar Canada geemigreerd en is aangesloten bij de: Scientologic Sect, leider: Ron Hubbard.
JANSEN, Antonius Pieter, geboren op 14 april 1919 te Oosterhout, laatstbekende woonplaats in Nederland: Den Haag, Hackfortstraat 32 naar Canada vertrokken op 15 december 1956.
DE KORTE, Adrianus, geboren op 28 december 1922 te Oudewater, laatstbekende adres in Nederland: Rolafweg Noord 14, Lopik, naar Canada vertrokken op 26 augustus 1976. Laatstbekende adres: Hillier, Ontario K0K 2J0.
KREMER, K.J., geboren 15 april 1919, laatstbekende adres in Canada: R.R.#2, Blyth, Ontario.
MARINUS, Anne Elisabeth, geboren op 11 juni 1915 te Doorn, laatstbekende woonplaats in Nederland: Alkmaar, naar Canada vertrokken op 25 mei 1950.
NEDERPELT, Tony, geboren in 1939 of 1940 ongeveer, naar Canada vertrokken in 1953, laatstbekende adres: 55 Tindale Cres. #1109 Hamilton, Ontario, laatste werkgever: Levy Real Estate Ltd., 481 Main St. East, Hamilton, Ontario.
OKKERSE, Nelly Alida Annie, geboren op 3 november 1938 te Arnhem, laatstbekende woonplaats: Velp, vertrokken op 4 augustus 1959 naar Canada.
ROZA, J.H., geboren op 17 april 1919, laatstbekende adres in Nederland: Schaikseweg 67, Leerdam, naar Canada vertrokken op 1 december 1967.
STEYZIGER (of Steysiger), Bart, geboren op 30 juni 1906, laatstbekende woonplaats in Nederland: Leerdam, naar Canada vertrokken omstreeks 1927.
VIS: Maria J., geboren 9 september 1941 gehuwd geweest met Jacobus A. de Jong, geboren 9 juli 1936 uit welk huwelijk is geboren een zoon Franciscus A.J. de Jong op 20 juli 1966. Mevrouw Vis is op 13 juni 1968 naar Canada vertrokken.

Netherlands Consulate General
One Dundas St. West, Suite 32106
Toronto, ON M5G 1Z3
Tel: (416) 598-2520

Personal

Single Men and Women
If you are over 21 years of age and would like to find a partner in Christian Marriage, write to: Christian Marriage Contact Bureau, P.O. Box 1127, Station B, Burlington, ON Canada L7R 3S9. Please enclose $2.00 for a complete information package explaining our services.
Established 1967.

Ministers

Camping in Exeter area?
Exeter CRC needs a minister Sunday, July 29. Services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please phone (519) 262-2536 before 8:00 a.m.

The consistory of the Maranatha CRC in St. Catharines, Ontario has granted its pastor, Rev. Dan De Groot a leave of absence to complete his studies beginning Sept. 1, 1984. As a result of this decision we are looking for a pastor to fill this vacancy in our church. The Search Committee would be happy to receive inquiries from pastors who would like to be considered. A church profile is available. Please send your correspondence to Mrs. H. Bezuyen, 9 Bayshore Dr., St. Catharines, ON L2N 5Y3

Miscellaneous

AVAILABLE NOW:

(on cassette tape)
SERMON by
Rev. Leonard Schalkwyk
on
"The Unpardonable Sin"
(Text: Mark 3:29)

to order, send $5.00 to:
Mr. John Ponsen
40 William Roe Blvd., Unit 708
Newmarket, ON L3Y 5N4
Telephone: 1-416-898-4756

Business

Shared Moving Costs?
Student family moving, Vancouver to Toronto, August 1, seeks reduced moving cost by sharing transport with person moving East or West, e.g. rentals back haul. Contact G. Polman, 116-20714 - 96th Ave., Langley, BC V1M 1E4; phone: (604) 888-1692.

John Prinzen, BA, MSW, CSW
is pleased to announce the opening of his office at:
976 Main St. East (2nd floor)
Hamilton, ON L8M 1M8
(416) 545-3189
Individual, marriage and family counselling.
Mediation and assessment services.
Consultations
Mailing address: **P.O. Box 1127, Station B, Burlington, ON L7R 3S9**

For Sale

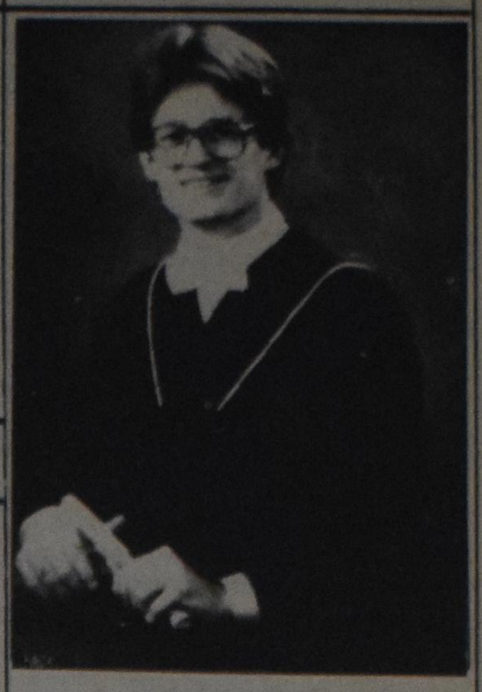
Complete Set of Dutch Books
Complete "Paraphrase Heilige Schrift" in perfect condition, 51 books. Please call (416) 934-3605.

Employ. Wanted

Former RBC student seeks position as **secretary/receptionist.** Available immediately. Resume and references also available. Please call Tracey Sluys at (705) 428-2769 or write: P.O. Box 1109, Stayner, ON L0M 1S0

Announce upcoming events in C.C.s Calendar of Events

Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. James Lycklama are proud to announce the graduation of their son **Edward Andrew** with his Bachelor of Mathematics degree from the University of Waterloo, majoring in Computer Science and Combinatorics & Optimization. Ed will be working in California for one year, returning to Toronto to obtain his M.Sc. under an NSERC scholarship.

For Rent

FLORIDA: 2 bdrm. condo, Indian Rocks, across road from beach (Gulf of Mexico), ideal family place. Rate: US $300-$500 per week dep. on season. Phone Toronto 445-1359 evenings to reserve.

Accommodation

Accommodation available for female to live with other females in a house. Located near Shepard Station in Willowdale. Reasonable rent. Available beginning of June. Call 222-9438.

Visiting Alberta this summer? We would like to sublet our 4 bedroom S.W. Calgary home for the month of July. If interested, please phone or write to: A. Veeneman, 3105 39th St. S.W., Calgary, AB T3E 3G9; tel.: (403) 249-1222.

Wanting to sublet apartment for July & August; 2 bedroom, sleeps 5-7, in North St. Catharines. $300.00 a month or $75.00 a week. Contact Ann at (416) 935-7383 (home) or 937-6302 (work).

Welke Hollandse Immigranten familie wil door "woningruil" enkele weken naar Holland b.v. July-Aug. Wij hebben een moderne woning 'bungalow' aan te bieden, voor een echtpaar, eventueel ook voor 4 personen. Van alle moderne gemakken voorzien. Ook gebruik van auto, fiets, enz. Wij zoeken iets dergelijks in Ontario, niet in een grote stad, maar liever op het platte land, in de omgeving van Burlington. Contact: A. Hekman, W. De Clereg Str. 62, Nijverdal. Tel. 0586 12355 voor inlichting: H. Ritskes, 19 Arlington Ave., Oshawa; 416-576-7241.

---

50 years is a long time.

Couples whose fiftieth, fifty-fifth, or sixtieth Wedding Anniversary announcement appears in *Calvinist Contact* now have the opportunity to place their picture in the family announcement section of the Classifieds free of charge. Pictures submitted may be in either black and white or colour but should be very clear to reproduce properly. Contact the advertising department for further information.

Classifieds

Accommodation

Room and board available for non-smoking female, $55.00 per week, North end, St. Catharines, close to Chr. Ref. Church. Please phone 937-3833.

23-year-old girl seeking an apartment and/or a roommate in the Toronto area. Call 927-7178 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 822-0839 after 4 p.m. Ask for Ann.

Accommodation

One bedroom apartment in the vicinity of Grimsby. Available immediately. Call 945-3389 after 6 p.m.

Fun in the sun can begin with an advertisment in C.C.

Real Estate

Dairy Farm For Sale
Williamsburg area, near Church and School; 164 acr. system, tiled; 84 Gr. Holsteins total; 152000 Ltr. MSQ plus all machinery.
Woudstra RE
Orono, ON L0B 1M0
(416) 983-5915

Looking to buy or sell? See the Real Estate section in C.C.'s classifieds.

Real Estate

House For Sale
Cosy semi-detached bungalow available September 1; 3 bedrooms with 4th in finished basement, Franklin Stove, private drive, 42 Louis St., St. Catharines, Ont.; phone: (416) 934-9303.

Chicken Broilers
11,220 & 5000 — 16,220 quota
1979 2 storey coloured steel barn; "chore time" equipment.
50 acres tiled land, 2800 heat units; nice 1½ storey residence. Well kept barn.
Owner will consider helping beginning farmer under the new assistance program. One or very few broiler units for sale.
Call Now.

Started Pullets
77,000 quota per year; 2-2 storey floor barns, newly painted in excellent condition, good frame; 1 floor home. Buy back agreement on partial crop. Excellent return on investment.
Thames Valley Realty Ltd.
Ches Counsell 519-537-3526
7-8 a.m.
P.O. Box 1093 Woodstock, ON N4S 8P6

Real Estate

Greenhouse/House
Winona, Ontario
1 year old, 32,000 sq. ft. fibre glass and galvanized steel constructed. 150 h.p. gas boiler plus a 90 h.p. oil boiler, 9 room brick, 2 family home plus 5 acres of land. Phone Stan Borkovich, Hamco Realty Inc., (416) 547-1681.

For Sale
In S.W. Ontario solid brick building with 3 bedroom apt. in excellent condition. Building easily adapted to suit any type of business.
Reply to Box No. 4806, c/o Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, On L2R 4L3

FOR SALE
73 acre dairy farm, complete with cows, quota and equipment. More land may be rented; asking only $265,000.00
1500 broiler breeders, nearly new, four bedroom home; very good barn; 3 acres land, near Jarvis. Asking $90,000.00.
4200 cage layers with grading station & egg route; good home; a real money maker for the ambitious person.
12000 cage layers; very good home. All equipment, nearly new. A pleasure to show.
155 acres, cash crop and barn, for 600 feeder hogs; sealed concrete silo, 20 x 70 — four bedroom home; needs some decorating. Asking $139,000.00 with easy terms. Must be sold; make us an offer.
Trailer Park with nearly all sites booked; permanent home for owners; a real clean, going concern. Must really be seen.
We need farms of any description to meet our growing demand.
Call us for a free estimate.
Keith Miller & Associates
Realty Ltd.
Realtor
Dunnville, ON
Phone: (416) 774-7624
evenings (416) 774-4077

7 acres, large brick home. Comb. oil & wood heating. Garage. Cement block building. On paved road. (H 462).
50 acres approx. half in wood lot, balance alfalfa. Six year old bungalow, 1250 sq. ft. living area plus basement, attached garage.
14 acres on paved road, Listowel area. Three bedroom home. Metal barn. Good land, all workable.
100 acres, all workable. Large barn for cattle and hogs. Also hog barn for 200 finishing hogs. New imp. shed, coloured steel. 16' x 60' silo with unloader and conveyor. Three bedroom 1½ storey immaculate home on paved road.
100 acres, four bedroom brick home. Large bank barn. Approx. 70 acres good crop land. Large spring fed pond. Paved road. Asking $115,000.00 some terms.
173 acre dairy setup, newer dairy barn, 40 ties. Pipeline. Steel drive shed. Bank barn for dry cows and heifers. Two silos with unloaders. Four bedroom bungalow. Asking $245,000.00 (H 464).
Contact Albert Carson
Listowel Office
P.H. HILLER REALTY LTD.
935 Main St. W.
Listowel
Ph. 519-291-1544
eve: 291-1395

ADA REALTY LTD.
3412 - 102 Ave.
Edmonton, AB
T5W 0A3
Tel. 471-1814
Sid Vandermeulen
Contact us first when you think of moving to Edmonton and district.
Het vertrouwde adres.

PARTICULIER PENSION IN NEW YORK

$35.00 per nacht voor twee personen incl. ontbijt. Parkeergelegenheid. Net over de brug van Manhattan in Brooklyn. Neem uw gasten uit Nederland voor een bezoek aan New York en verblijf in een pension met Nederlandse gezelligheid. Ook geschikt voor kleine groepen.
Voor inlichtingen bel: **Albert VanMaanen.** Liefst 's morgens om 8 uur ('One night deposit required at time of booking').
(212) 855-5036
119 Fort Green Place, Brooklyn, New York 11217

Help Wanted

Housekeeper/companion, age 25 to 45. Light housekeeping duties. Should be fond of occasional walks. A good home for life guaranteed. Fare paid to Fergus. Please send details and photo in reply. Bill Hendrick, 399A, St. Andrew St., West, Fergus, ON N1M 1P1

Licensed mechanic for small and growing auto repair shop in central Ontario. Applicant should be committed Christian and conscientious worker. Please send resume with references to Calvinist Contact, Box #4804, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3

Help Wanted

Holland Christian Homes is looking for a **junior office clerk,** who can handle all the telephone calls and is able to type. Preferably, knowledge of the Dutch language. Call: (416) 459-3333 and ask for Riet Van Duyn.

Teachers

VERNON: Vernon Christian School invites applications for 2 teaching positions, one for grade 1 and 2, and the other for grades 3 and 4, for the 1984-85 school year. Please send applications, resumes and inquiries to Mr. K. Stromberg, principal, Vernon Christian School, Pleasant Valley Road, Site 19A, Comp. 4, R.R.#3, Vernon, BC V1T 6L6; phone: (604) 545-7345.

MEDICINE HAT: Medicine Hat Christian School, an interdenominational school, offering grades K through 9, is inviting applications for the position of a full-time **Kindergarten/upper elementary** teacher. Interest in Social Studies and Sciences would be an asset. Please send applications and resumes to: Mr. William Slofstra, principal, 318-8th St., N.E., Medicine Hat, AB T1A 5R6; phone: (403) 526-3246 (school) or (403) 526-7192 (home).

Fraser Valley Christian High School serving several communities in the eastern and southern part of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, providing Christian education for 340 students in grades 8-12 will need a

principal

also: 1 possible **English** position and
1 possible **Science** position

beginning August 1, 1984.
Send application, resume, transcripts, and teacher certificate to:
Search Committee, 15353 - 92nd Avenue, Surrey, BC V3R 1C3
For further information contact: **F. Herfst, Principal 604-581-1033**

Automotive Sales Route

If you have a desire to make it on your own we are interested in talking to you. Due to expansion we now have two territories available in Ontario, one in London and one in the Brockville, Cornwall area. Truck investment is required, inventory is supplied. Our business is a proven one and works on a commission and profit-sharing basis. Telephone inquiries will be accepted.
Please direct your inquiries to:
Joe Shuringa,
37 Brydon Dr., Rexdale, ON M9W 2N3
or phone: (416) 745-2309

Help Wanted

Sales Manager

Aldershot Greenhouses Ltd. requires a sales manager to assume marketing activities directed at both wholesale and chain store accounts — Canada and U.S. Reliable and self-motivation are high priority assets. Experience in sales management is essential, horticultural experience is not necessary but would be beneficial. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Call or write:
Aldershot Greenhouses Ltd.
1135 Gallagher Rd.
Burlington, ON L7T 2M7
(416) 632-9272

Help Wanted

The All Ontario Diaconal Conference of the Christian Reformed Church, which celebrates its 25th annual conference this fall, requires a part-time

Executive Secretary

This regional Diaconal Conference, representing diaconates and diaconal Conferences from the Maritimes to Manitoba, encourages the expansion of the vision of the deacon as the servant of mercy, the carrier of hope, and the agent for change in Christ's Kingdom.
Its executive secretary plays a vital role in this process:
- coordinates the annual conference meetings, handles correspondence with diaconates and related agencies, organizes meetings of the board and committees;
- facilitates and supports the distribution of knowledge and understanding of the diaconal vision to deacons;
- educates by sharing ideas and insights;
- researches diaconal issues and prepares background positions for its board and committees.

Qualifications:
A deacon at heart, with
- the ability to inspire and lead deacons to expand their vision and work both in and outside the church;
- excellent communication skills;
- organizational talent to coordinate;
- the ability to do research;
- self-motivation and able to work with little supervision;
- diaconal experience an asset.

Position is open as of September 1, 1984. For more information or to apply, write by June 1, 1984 to:
Mr. John Pasma, Secretary
All Ontario Diaconal Conference
P.O. Box 235, Grimsby, Ontario L3M 4G3

We require for the
LONDON-WINDSOR AREA
a
Sales Representative to sell baking ingredients

We need a salesperson who has the ability to meet bakers in their environment and should have some knowledge of baking.
The person we need must be an early riser.
In addition to calling on existing customers it will be necessary to call on prospective accounts.
We offer:
- Excellent wages & commission
- Company car and travel expenses paid
- Cost sharing in a dental and prescription plan

If you have the ambition to succeed in sales and have a pleasant personality we like to hear from you.
We will deal with all applications in strict confidence.
Please reply in writing to the attention of Calvinist Contact, Box #4807, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3

Events

CALENDAR of events

May 18-21	Special Delivery: 10th annual All-Ontario Young Calvinist Convention at MacMaster University, **Hamilton,** Ont.
May 20	Young People Convention; service at 7:30 p.m. at Ivor Wynne Center at the McMaster University.
May 22	Conference sponsored by the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools: The Christian School and the Handicapped Child; 10-3 p.m. at the John Knox Chr. School, **Brampton.** Contact your local Chr. school for registration information.
May 24	Lakewood Chr. Campgrounds. May long week-end there will be emphasis on a family weekend camping; there will be singing, games and other activities.
June 2	An all-day meeting in the Immanuel CRC in **Hamilton,** Ont. for the purpose of study and discussion regarding women's place and task in the CRC. Speakers are Mrs. Joan Flikkema, Dr. John Bolt and Rev. Morris Greidanus. Cost $3.00 per person; $5.00 per couple. Bring your own lunch. Registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m.
June 13	De Hollandse dag in het Moorefield park; aanvang 10 uur.
Sept. 22	Willowdale Chr. School 25th Anniversary in **Willowdale,** Ont.
July 31 -	Second S.A. congress on Calvin research. Contact Mr. G.L. Kruger, IRS, PU for CHE, Potchefstroom (tel. 01481-23484) no later than May 15, 1984.

Next Issue

Dated	Mailed	Deadline for classified ads	Deadline for other advertising
Fri. June 1	Tues. May 29	Thurs. May 24-8:30a.m.	Wed. May 23-8:30a.m.
Fri. June 8	Tues. June 5	Thurs. May 31-8:30a.m.	Wed. May 30-8:30a.m.
Fri. June 15	Tues. June 12	Thurs. June 7-8:30a.m.	Wed. June 6-8:30a.m.

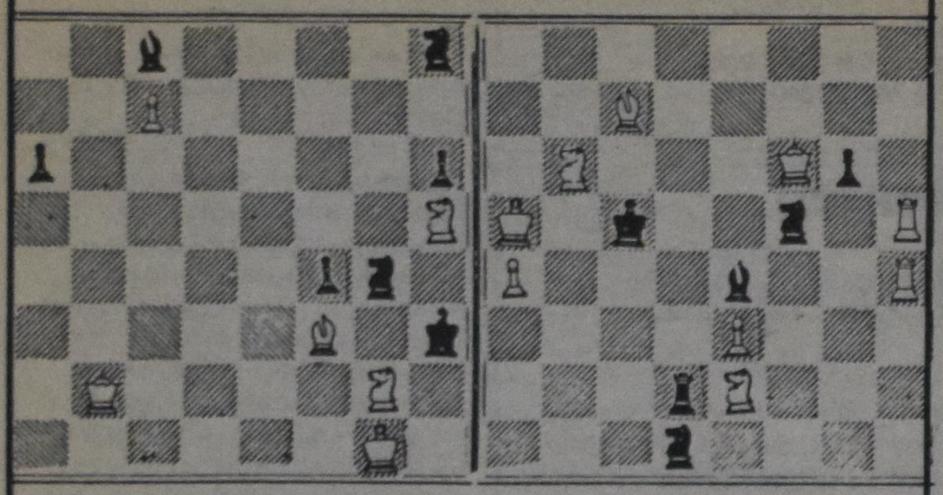
Let's Play CHESS

Pete Layer

SECOND SERIES OF PROBLEMS IN MAY

#1006
K. Junker,
Germany, 1957
7

#1007
PB. Van Dalfsen,
Holland, 1944
6



6
3-mover 3 pts.

9
2-mover 2 pts.

Notes:
1. Both these problems show White at least a Queen ahead. This does not guarantee an easy two or three mover. Black has some important defenses to his disposal. Watch out for them!
2. Please give the key, threat and all variations of #1006 and key and threat, if any, to #1007.
3. The deadline for the May series #1004-1007 is:
Ontario — June 20
B.C. — June 30
All others: June 25.

WILLOWDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Willowdale, Ontario, Canada

25th ANNIVERSARY

We cordially invite you to a day of celebration and festivities

on Saturday, September 22, 1984, D.V.

Open House at the school from 2-6 p.m. with a special service of thanksgiving and the dedication of our new gymnasium at 4 p.m., followed by a festive banquet at 8 p.m.
A deluxe hardcover book filled with photos and other memories will be available.
To order banquet tickets at $20 per person and/or your copy of the $10 souvenier book write to:

Mrs. T. Miedema
131 Homewood Ave., Willowdale, ON M2M 1K2
Please make cheques payable to: Willowdale Christian School

Celebrating 50th Anniversary

The First Christian Reformed Church
Sarnia, Ont.
invites all former members and friends to the celebration of its 50th anniversary the weekend of

June 1-3

Events include: Congregational Dinner 6:30 p.m., 445 Club, Friday, June 1st; A celebration of music with the Hamilton Ambassador Choir 8 p.m., Saturday, June 2nd; Anniversary worship services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday June 3rd.
** Former pastors will be in attendance, anniversary booklets will be sold.

For more information contact:
Joan Vandenberg
679 Esser Cres.
Sarnia, ON N7T 7H2; phone: (519) 542-5044

S.P.I.C.E.

Summer Program in Christian Education

July 2 - 13, 1984

Writing and Teaching Writing	Ken Kuipers
Writing Integrated Units	Agnes Struik
Science: Unit Development	Herman Proper
Elementary Music Curriculum	Dale Topp
Canadian Literature	Hugh Cook
French	Margit Alders
A Novel Approach	Steven Paas
Classroom Survival and Beyond	Agnes Struik
Educational Theory and Practice: A Christian Perspective	Don McNally
Guitar Playing and Song Leading	Henry Westendorp
Community Awareness	
Week 1: The Field Trip	Peter Bulthuis
Week 2: The Community as Resource	Ben Vandezande

Spend two weeks actively learning and sharing with fellow christian teachers.
For more information contact:
G. Dekker
41 Redwood Ave., Toronto, ON M4L 2S5
Phone: 466-6304

C.C. Classifieds bringing the Christian community together.

Young People Convention

The Conventioneers at the all Ontario Convention would like to invite all family and friends to attend the **Sunday evening (May 20)** worship service at **7:30 p.m.** in the **McMaster University.** All are heartily welcome.
Reminder: Conventioneers, please do not forget your sleeping bags!

Attention Young People's and Young Adults' Groups:

We want to hear from you!

Has your group held any interesting socials or meetings which you would like to share with other societies? Have any of your members written stories or poetry you would like to see published? Does your group have any concerns, struggles, issues or experiences which you think may be of interest to other young people and young adults? *Calvinist Contact* invites you to submit written material (printed or typed double-spaced) and photographs (returned on request) for consideration for publication.
Help unite your societies by sharing your experiences and talent in C.C. Send all material to: **Youth Editor, Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3.**

THE STORY OF A PIONEER COMMUNITY:

The Strength of Their Years

2nd printing

by Tymen Hofman

Relive the history of Southern Alberta, particularly the Nobleford-Monarch-Granum area as told by one of the "sons" of Alberta, Rev. Tymen E. Hofman

Publication price $7.95
(plus $1.50 shipping and handling)

Guardian Publishing
99 Niagara St.
St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3

Check these local agents:

Mrs. Tonia Schiebout, Box 40, Barons, Alta.
Mrs. Jean Postman, Box 452, Fort Macleod, Alta.
Speelman's Bookhouse, Rexdale, Ont.
Rev. Tymen Hofman, Tinley Park, Ill.
John Kooy, 315 Birch Bay, Lynden, Wa.
Jim Hofman, 2204 First St. SW, Apt. 10, Calgary, AB T2S 1T4
Trudy De Groot 4827-8 Ave., SW Calgary, AB T3C 0C7

Should the school build self-esteem?

Another look at the Magic Circle

... continued from page 9.

HDP has something to offer

Recognizing that change and growth takes time, the people at the Human Development Program request that teachers and students follow the program through for a year before a fair evaluation can be made. The Human Development Program can (as Eleanor Mills pointed out in the November 20 issue of C.C.) provide an enriched language arts program that includes speaking, listening and discussing. This is an area in which many teachers are looking for assistance.

In addition HDP has recognized that the development of the whole child has been sadly neglected in our schools, and for that matter, in society as a whole. They have recognized that many of our institutions of higher learning have not provided teachers with the self confidence they will need to help students develop not just their heads, but to develop as whole, integrated human beings. They have recognized the alienation in our society which has made it more and more difficult for young people to find purpose and meaning in life.

And they have done something about it. They polled students at various age levels to find out what issues were of most concern to them. From their research they developed a program which would assist teachers in helping children and young people deal with the pressing issues in their lives.

We are not good at it

In his analysis of the HDP, Harro Van Brummelen states "surely we attempt to have an open and secure learning environment for all our learning not just for Magic Circle topics." In as much as teachers can, yes, they do strive for an open and secure environment. But often teachers say to me "There's something wrong in my classroom and I just can't put my finger on what it is," or "I've tried everything and I can't seem to pull this class together."

The truth is we're not very good at it. No wonder. In our entire educational career there are few if any courses that teach us about ourselves or about interpersonal relationships. And if we are going to teach and guide students then it is essential that we know who we are. But the sad thing is nobody teaches us how to know who we really are. Furthermore our colleges and universities teach us how to teach math, how to teach science, how to teach reading, how to teach all kinds of *facts* but not how to teach children and young people.

We're not teaching people

Another significant problem closely related to this is the way we have structured our curriculums. HDP manual says "you aren't teaching a lesson, you are relating to people." They say this because they have pinpointed that often when we teach lessons in school we are teaching content (facts, material to be studied). We are not teaching people.

Maybe it is a false dichotomy, as Harro Van Brummelen says, but the fact remains it's a *reality* in our classrooms. Often in my consulting when I show teachers ways of relating the curriculum to the everyday experiences of the children and young people, they say to me "I wish I could but I'd never get through all the things I have to cover this year if I do that."

While we may not agree with the HDP's ultimate view of human autonomy, a topic such as "I was proud that I could do it all by myself" does not need to exclude God's love for us nor need it mean that people are autonomous. A mother often comments too, when a child has learned to tie her/his shoe "Good for you, you did it all by yourself." She is not denying God in her statement. Nor do children when they share something they have done by themselves in the classroom.

Inspite of relativism

Perhaps the HDP does have a relativist position regarding ultimates but this does not mean that we can write off the specifics of the program. There are very worthwhile elements in HDP's statement that feelings are not right or wrong in themselves. Anger, for example, is often considered to be a wrong feeling. Yet Scripture says "Do not let the sun go down on your wrath," but it does not say "Do not be angry." As I read Scripture I can recall several occasions where Jesus was furiously angry to the point of throwing things. God was constantly fed up with Israel.

The HDP is saying that one must take responsibility for one's feelings which means one directs his/her anger in a creative, loving way. For example, if a child says, "I want to bash your head in" the HDP would definitely say, "No, that is not a constructive way to deal with anger. In what other ways can one express and deal with anger?"

HDP would say responding to, dealing with, affirming a person's selfhood is right. Violating, destroying and breaking a person's spirit and self-esteem is wrong. The issue is not a matter of right and wrong, but how can we deal with one another in a caring and compassionate way. Put that into a Christian context and we are back to the Great commandment.

Give it a fair shake

The researchers of the HDP bump up against the same creation we do and therefore have come up with many of the same findings that we have. Though they may not acknowledge it, they have discovered that one cannot love one's neighbour without first loving one's self. They also have discovered, though they may not acknowledge it, that we are created as neighbourly people. that we need each other and can find each other within the context of community.

No, the program does not acknowledge God per se but there are many aspects in the program that can help teachers as they try to nurture within children a sense of pride that they are beautiful, wonderful people; that being created in the image of God is meaningful.

This program has taken a first step in confronting a problem we also face in the christian community. At this point we don't have anything better with which to tackle this issue. So before we dismiss the program let's give it a fair shake.

When you choose a new math, or science, or social studies program, also written from a "thoroughly secular" perspective, you buy the whole set of books, use it for several years, maybe even send teachers to a workshop to learn how to teach this program effectively. Somewhere along the way you evaluate whether to keep the program or not. I would challenge educators to do the same with the HDP.

Whether we agree with the HDP or not, we still have to face the question presented to the communities in my workshops. What do we want for our children? If we want the kinds of things expressed by the parents in my workshops, then we may have to rethink the structure of our curriculums and the implementation of the curriculum in our classrooms.

As long as we retain many of the models we have today, we'll have students who know the facts. Sure they survive. But don't we want more than that? Don't we want students not only to live life, but to live it abundantly?

One moment's anger, yet ...

I felt my reins on anger slip,
Unchecked tongue in wild abandon
Did but turn and twist,
Spewing out folly's frustration,
Thoughtless to your situation —
Hateful words I hissed.

I pretended not to notice
As tears crept slowly in your eyes —
The stomp of your foot.
A fire raged — my way, or none!
For I know best; you're just a child,
The fire left but soot.

Now I sit here, three hours later,
The cramp inside my breast won't leave;
I just can't unwind.
Remorse runs circles 'round my heart,
A conflict handled oh, so badly,
Haunts my tortured mind.

Oh God, one moment's anger snapped
Another link, wrought firm o'er time —
The bond has weaker grown.
Send "some of Solomon" my way
To steer my anger, e'er in love,
Remove the hurt I've sown.

When doorknob turns, may he be met
And moved by writer's contrite voice,
A new leaf begin.
"and may you realize, my son,
Mothers also need forgiveness,
For they also sin."

Judy Lunshof,
Hamilton, Ont.

How long has it been?

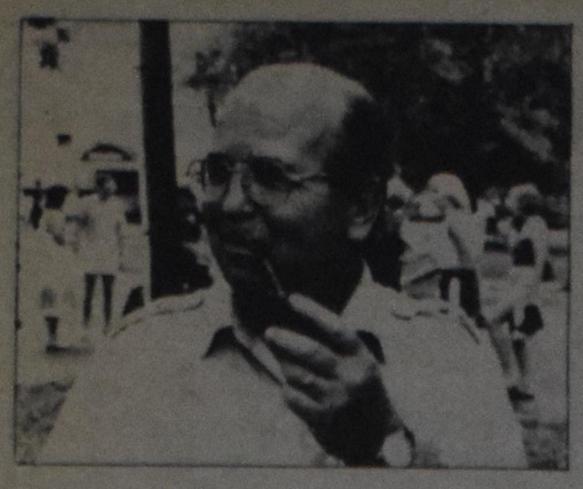
How long has it been since you knelt by your bed
And talked to your Father above?
How long has it been since you last spread the word
Of God's never-ending love?
How long has it been since you opened His book
And read His messages to this earth?
How long has it been since you praised the Lord?
Or recited your favourite verse?
How long has it been since you talked to someone
Who did not know the God that you serve?
How long has it been since you reached out to touch
Someone who has not yet heard?
How long will it be till you serve the Lord
In the ways that He expects you to?
How long will it be till all others can see
Christ Jesus shining clearly through you?

Dawn Nickerson,
Maranatha CRC Young Peoples,
Woodbridge, Ont.

AUTOMOTIVE & INDUSTRIAL WORKS LTD.

Automotive and Truck Cooling System — Repairs and Service
Our specialty!!
***Manager* — E. VANRY**
Pulling a trailer?
Have a transmission cooler installed for a trouble free holiday.
Phone: 451-5412
13320-126 Avenue, Edmonton T5L 3E1

Dutch



Van Halsema's onthullingen

Hoe ga je dat nu versieren?

Herman de Jong

Als we zonder toga of kleerscheuren thuis komen van onze lange wandeling krijg ik direct al een knipoog van dochter Marie, U weet wel de moeder van Dirk. Ik vermoed dat ze deze prachtige Zaterdagmorgen iets heeft bekokstoofd. Margriet zit ook nogal olijk haar gezicht in een ernstige plooi te houden. Samen hebben ze natuurlijk reuzelol gehad terwijl Dirk en ik ernstig bezig waren de kerk voor kelderen te bewaren.

Slurpend genieten we van de thee. Dan kan Marie het niet langer voor zich houden. "Ik dacht, Dirk, dat je het wel leuk zou vinden vanavond wat oude vrienden te ontmoeten." Margriet onderbreekt haar. "Ja hoor, ze heeft stad en ommeland afgebeld en ik maar koekjes bakken en roomsoezen vullen. Maar de gasten nemen ter ere van Dirk zelf ook wat mee, hoor! De één een fles wijn, de andere stukjes kaas, en Truusje zal kroketjes maken.

Behalve onze armen, ligt nu ook die zoete naam op de keukentafel. Schielijk blik ik terzijde. Dirk kijkt degelijk vroom, maar even spoelt een lachje een teug thee binnen. Ik merk op dat ik naar de avonduren uitzie. Niet om al die vriendjes en vriendinnetjes, maar vanwege de roomsoezen. Dirk kijkt verward. Roomsoezen? 'k Vind kroketjes veel lekkerder," zegt hij. "Het hangt er vanaf wie ze maakt," antwoord ik.

Het plan voor deze avond kwam natuurlijk van mij. Over tere bloemperkjes en luikende liefdes behoort men geen gras te laten groeien. Als ik dan ook hypocrietelijk verbaasd uitroep: "Wat leuk dat jullie Truusje ook hebben uitgenodigd," krijg ik een fikse trap tegen mijn toch al zo gevoelige scheen. Margriet moest beseffen dat haar 'vorm' schoenen, ('n dure geschiedenis, maar 't ziekenfonds is er goed voor) met leer beklede stalen punten hebben. 'k Zal maar gaan niezen, zodat mijn pijntranen op niestranen gelijken. Dirk slaat me op de schouder en mompelt iets over horlogies die vooral in het najaar mensen doen niezen.

Even liggen, even sluimeren. Dan sta ik uren krenten door het deeg te kneden. 't Wordt een drukke middag. Dirk mag ook helpen. Hij schilt de appelen met zijn zakmes. Er blijft niet veel van over. Oma raadt hem aan het Hollandse molenmesje te gebruiken. Dat zijn mesjes om te zoenen, zegt ze. Als ze hem het schilmesje aanreikt krijgt Dirk echter de zoen, 't mesje niet!

Dat doet me denken aan wat er deze avond staat te gebeuren. Als die knaap het nu maar goed aanpakt. Zoals hij daar naast me staat, brilletje op de punt van de neus, tongpuntje tussen geperste lippen om vooral het schilletje vliesdun te snijden, kinderlijk jammerend als toch het vliesje breekt, kan ik hem echt niet zien als herder, leraar en echtgenoot, vooral het laatste. Dan denk ik weer: maar er is geen pot zo gek, of er past een deksel op. Dat is wel een heel iele troost trouwens.

Gelukkig moet Marie nog naar de likker winkel, en omdat Oma heeft besloten een leuk Canadees bloesje te kopen, (ofschoon we een koffer vol C. en A. bloesjes hebben meegesleept) gaat ze mee. "Je vindt het toch wel goed hè man?" vraagt ze, om de schijn op te houden dat ik nog altijd baas ben. Verheugd dat ze beiden de deur uitgaan, antwoord ik: "Ja hoor, maar wel één met een hoogsluitend halsje hè!"

Nu of nooit ... Dirk heeft voorlichting nodig. En wie zou hem beter kunnen voorlichten dan zijn bloedeigen Opa, die z'n hele leven de leerschool der liefde doorliep? "Kom joh, laten we er even bij gaan zitten, we hebben wel een kop thee verdiend."

Ik val met de deur in huis. "Hoe ga je dat vanavond nu versieren, joh? Ik heb er natuurlijk geen snars mee nodig ... maarre, heb je ooit wel eens een meisje gezoend?" Dirk kijkt oftie in een zure appel bijt. Dan lacht hij verlegen, en vertelt me dat hij inderdaad een 'blind date' op haar bevel eens gekust had. Vertederd denk ik; da's nou weer echt Derk om een blind meisie uit te nemen

Dirk begint door te krijgen waar ik heen wil. Weldra zit hij met een gloeiend gelaat mijn adviezen te verorberen. Ik heb het mooie gevoel dat ik vat op hem begin te krijgen. Zijn pientere vragen doen me vermoeden dat hij vroeger wel eens over deze zaken gedacht heeft. Ik kom er helemaaal in als hij mij vraagt hoe ik Oma ontmoette ... eigenlijk had ik op die vraag zitten wachten!

"Die grootmoeder van jou was vroeger maar een verlegen meisje. Zou je nu niet zeggen hè? Zo vlot als ze jou net een kus gaf! Daar heb ik weken op moeten wachten. Oma was een heel ernstig meisje. Ze was voorzitster van de meisjesvereniging. Joh, ze kon praten als mevrouw Brugman. Heeft ze niet verleerd, hoor! En .... ze was ook een heel mooi meisje ... net als Truusje. Als ik 's middags met mijn vrienden in het zijschip van de kerk zat, had ik geen oog van haar af.

Maandenlang wist ik niet waar de dominee over preekte. Ja joh, je kunt beter geen dominee worden in een kerk met een zijschip.

Daar in de groene haaks gezette banken waar jongelingen harten en voorletters in het verf krasten met hun collecte centen, groeide mijn liefde voor Margriet.

Nu moet je weten dat Opa vroeger nogal een losbol was. Nou ja, ik hield van een gijntje. 'k Zat niet in cafeetjes, hoor ... Ik wist dat Margriet me maar een rare snaak vond, heel geen partij voor een ernstige voorzitster.

Eens liep ze gearmd met een vriendin buiten het dorp. 't Was een mooie zomeravond. Mijn vriend Rikus en ik stapten stevig aan om ze in te halen. Om het ijs direct maar wat te breken, zei ik: Dames, maggen we een eindje met jullie opstrompelen? De vriendin gillachtte, Margriet keek zeer misprijzend. Ik keerde onverrichterzake naar huis.

Toen, een half jaar later, kwam ik haar tegen in de stad. "Zo," zei ze, "daar kom jij weer aanstrompelen?" Ze had een nogal dik boek onder de arm. Tjonge, een van die knotsen van de Graaf. Ze vertelde me dat ze een inleiding moest maken over de "predestinatie." Ik sprong een gat in de lucht. Twee weken geleden had ik daar zelf een inleiding over gemaakt. Weldra waren we in druk gesprek. Soms stonden we stil als het debat een hoogtepunt bereikt had. In de trein naar het dorp zei ze: "Je bent toch veel ernstiger dan ik wel dacht! Ik heb een beetje een hekel over koetjes en kalfjes te praten ... 'k hoop niet dat je dat erg vindt!"

Nou joh, dat is ons gehele gezegende huwelijksleven zo gebleven: over koetjes en kalfjes werd niet gesproken. Zo zie je maar Dirk, als het niet direct lukt, volhouden jongen ... tot je er bij neervalt.

Dirk had gespannen geluisterd. Toen zei hij: Ze is lief hè, Oma? "Ja joh, Oma is voor mij een groot geschenk van God. Ik zou haar nooit ..." Ik schrok een beetje van mijn rare hese stem.

Recht je rug, Dirk. Laat je bril en de moed niet zakken. Dit wordt de mooiste avond van je leven!

Persoverzicht

Carl D. Tuyl

Er is iets gaande in de ekonomie in Canada dat mijn professoren in Rotterdam grijze haren en slapeloze nachten zou bezorgen. De wet van vraag en aanbod, dat oude axioma van alle ekonomie gaat niet meer op. De banken hebben te kampen met een zwaar verminderde vraag naar leningen, en ze proberen op allerlei manieren hun geld aan de man te brengen en toch gaat de prijs (lees rente) omhoog. Ra, ra hoe kan dat?

Als de vraag gereduceerd wordt hoort de prijs evenredig naar beneden te gaan volgens de eerwaarde ekonomen. Wel het komt omdat onze rente grotelijks bepaald wordt door de rente in Amerika waar de ekonomie heet aanloopt en er ernstige pogingen worden aangewend om de produktie wat af te koelen vanwege het inflatiegevaar. En zo zitten wij, ondanks de lage vraag naar geld, met de gebakken peren van stijgende rente. Deze les in ekonomie werd U gratis aangeboden door de redaktie van uw geliefd C.C.

De tweede les komt van motor-mouth John Turner die 's even uit de doeken heeft gedaan hoe hij, in geval wij hem als prime-minister zouden verkiezen, voordat je met je ogen kon knipperen het nationale tekort met 15 biljoen zou verminderen. Hij zou dit merkwaardige feit bewerkstelligen bij eenvoudigweg de bureaucratie wat te stroomlijnen. Ik neem aan dat het mogelijk is.

Een tweede kandidaat — John Roberts — pleit ook voor het meer efficient bestuursapparaat, en deze niet van de poes maatregel zou het einde betekenen voor niet minder dan drie hele ministeries. Ook hem wil ik graag geloven.

Er komt echter van al die beloften vaak zo weinig terecht. Iedereen stemt met toewijding voor bezuiniging, maar we bedoelen bezuiniging niet in onze eigen portemonnaie. Chretien heeft in zijn reaktie op al die bezuinigingsbeloften gezegd dat het onmogelijk is. Ook dat wil ik geloven omdat ik weet hoe in de ministeries bezuinigings maatregelen gesaboteerd kunnen worden.

Er wordt heel wat achter de schermen gemanoevreerd in de Liberale kiesdistrikten. In Manitoba zijn de kiezers die naar het congres zullen gaan vrijwel allen voor Turner. De Chretien organizatie gaf haar ongenoegen te kennen.

In Quebec schoot een gederailleerde korporaal in de provinciale Kamer met een machinegeweer en drie personen verloren het leven. Er was onmiddelijk een debat over veiligheidsmaatregelen voor andere wetgevende lichamen, zowel provinciaal als landelijk. De voorzitter van de Quebec kamer gooide olie op de golven van dat debat door er op wijzen dat het alternatief nou niet bepaald aantrekkelijk was. Wie wil er nou soldaten met geweren zien in de kamers waar onze wetten gemaakt worden.

De Russen hebben hun athleten uit de Olympiese Spelen terug getrokken omdat ze niet zeker waren dat er genoeg bescherming was. Kijk daar kan ik wel inkomen. Die lui hebben geweren en geheime politie nodig om zich beschernd te voelen. Onze civilizatie is gelukkig anders. Maar het risiko van een gek die amok loopt moeten we nemen.

We moeten nog even vermelden dat de grote beurt aan Stornoaway, de officiële residentie van de leider van de oppositie, lekker goedkoop geweest is: niet meer dan $150.000. Mocht er eventueel een verandering in de regering komen dan moeten er twee officiele residenties veranderd worden. Maar laten we niet op een paar centen kijken.

Een massa moordenaar in de gevangenis had zin om er eens een dagje tussen uit te gaan. Kun je inkomen nietwaar? Er viel wel even een mouw aan te passen. Met een gevangenisemployee ging de man op stap. En met driehonderd dollar op zak konden ze ook nog wel even hier en daar een deur opendoen. Toen het tijd werd voor de gevangene om een plasje te gaan doen, zei de oppasser "je gaat je gang maar." Hetgeen de man deed, door het pleeraampje de straat op. Gelukkig wist de politie hem weer op te pikken.

Vervolg op pagina 23 ...

Als je't mij vraagt

Syrt Wolters

Syrt Wolters

Toen Harry Antonides van de CLAC enkele weken geleden in Victoria een groep CLAC leden en andere belangstellenden toesprak over Moeten we een keus maken tussen Kapitalisme en Socialisme?, zei hij in de loop van z'n betoog, dat de geleerden in economie en sociologie zich ernstig bezorgd maken over het feit, dat het aantal mensen boven de 65 jaar steeds groter wordt en het aantal mensen beneden de 65 jaar steeds kleiner. Vanzelfsprekend komt dan de vraag op:

"ZAL HET KLEINER WORDENDE AANTAL MENSEN BENEDEN 65 JAAR IN DE TOEKOMST IN STAAT ZIJN OM HET GROEIENDE AANTAL VAN DE OUDEREN BOVEN DE 65 JAAR TE ONDERHOUDEN?

Dat is helemaal geen denkbeeldige situatie. Dat kan werkelijk wel eens een probleem worden over 15 of 20 jaar. Geen wonder dat de experts zich kopzorg maken. Hoe moet dat straks?

In de vraag — en antwoord periode had ik de vrijmoedigheid om een erg eenvoudige oplossing van het probleem aan de hand te doen. Ik vond dat Harry me wel een beetje ongelovig aankeek, alsof hij wou zeggen: "Uit de mond van zuigelingen .... enz. Maar hij was toch wel benieuwd met wat voor "eenvoudige" oplossing ik zou aankomen.

Ik stelde voor om de "pensioengerechtigde leeftijd" te verhogen van 65 tot 75 jaar! Dan krimp je het aantal van boven de 65 aanmerkelijk in en je verhoogt het aantal van de andere groep in gelijke mate. Zelfs het verhogen van een jaar zou de Staat (de belastingbetaler) zeker een milliard dollar besparen.

Zo'n verhoging van de pensioengerechtigde leeftijd moet natuurlijk heel geleidelijk gaan, want het mensdom is al zodanig "gehersenspoeld" (vergeef me dit monsterachtige woord) dat we het bijna als een misdadige beledigingopvatten als iemand van ons zou eisen om te blijven werken als we 65 geworden zijn. Verandering van leeftijdsgrens — accoord, maar dan moet het LAGER zijn en zeker niet hoger.

We zijn er immers helemaal aan gewend geraakt dat je met 65 zo goed als versleten bent. Wie twijfelt daar nu nog aan? Velen zien reikhalzend uit naar die grote dag dat ze 65 worden. Dan ben je immers verlost van de vloek dat "werk" heet! Ja, zo ver zijn we gekomen, dat we "werk" beschouwen als een noodzakelijk kwaad op z'n minst, inplaats van de grootste zegen in de schepping!

Het is dan ook geen wonder dat er zoveel mensen sterven voordat ze 66 geworden zijn. Waar men zo hunkerend naar uitgezien heeft, is bereikt, dus is je levenstaak volbracht. Als er geen motivatie meer is, waarom zou je dan nog langer leven?

Vroeger werkten de mensen 10 tot 12 uur per dag. Denkt u dat men toen meer vermoeid was dan nu na een dag van hard werken? Het is een levenswet, een soort Parkinson's law, dat men moe wordt tegen het eind van de werktijd. Het maakt heel weinig uit of je nou 7, 8 of 10 uur werkt per dag. Het is simpel een kwestie van je erop instellen.

Als we weer gaan leren in werk een van God gegeven zegen te zien, niet in de eerste plaats om onze boterham te verdienen maar in de eerste plaats om "God's Koninkrijk en Zijn gerechtigheid te zoeken (Matt. 6)", dan is er bij mij geen twijfel aan dat we met evenveel gemak werken tot we 75 zijn dan nu tot 65.

Het komt mij voor dat er op dit gebied nog heel wat "reformerend" werk gedaan kan en moet worden.

Het moeilijkste van m'n plan is om de mensen een "schriftuurlijke" hersenspoeling te geven. Dat neemt tijd, hoewel we misschien door de noodzaak van de harde feiten zullen leren om ons wat sneller aan te passen.

Zo'n plan kan natuurlijk niet plotseling ingevoerd worden. Ik dacht zo, dat de regering er tien jaar voor nam om de mensen er aan voor te bereiden. Dan, na tien jaar, krijgt men pensioen als men 66 wordt inplaats van 65. Het volgend jaar wordt dat met een half jaar verhoogd; en een jaar daarna weer met een half jaar. Op die manier zijn we in 20 jaar tot de pensioen gerechtigde leeftijd gekomen van 75 jaar.

Natuurlijk, als er gevallen zijn, dat men niet meer kan werken, dan moet er in voorzien worden, maar dat is nu toch ook zo?

Toen ik mijn voorstel uit de doekjes gedaan had vroeg iemand: Hoe denk je al die mensen aan werk te helpen. Nou, in de eerste plaats, de geleerden zeggen ons dat er over twintig jaar niet genoeg werkers zijn; in de tweede plaats: zolang we nog ruwe grondstoffen op grote schaal verkopen aan Japan en andere landen en de gefabriceerde eindproducten weer van deze landen terug kopen, dan lijkt het me toe dat er nog wat aan gedaan kan worden.

P.S. Alle 55-jarigen moeten er zich maar op voorbereiden dat ze nog 11 jaar inplaats van 10 jaar moeten werken (of is het "mogen"). Als men er zich nu op instelt, zal het hoegenaamd geen verschil maken. "It's all in your mind." Ik spreek uit ervaring. 'k Ben 72 en werk nog elke dag met byzonder veel plezier en, als het God belieft, nog graag een poosje langer.

Syrt Wolters heeft een kapperszaak in het Empress Hotel in Victoria, BC

Persoverzicht

Vervolg van pag. 22.

De Paus was bij de voormalige koppensnellers in Nieuw Guinea. De liturgie bij de massa dienst zou een goeie gereformeerde ouderling nachtmerries bezorgd hebben.

Er is sprake dat de regering nog net een wetsontwerp voor pensioenherziening er door zou kunnen krijgen. Maar de vooruitzichten voor moeder de vrouw om haar werk erkend te zien zijn niet gunstig. Er bestaan geen plannen om huisvrouwen in het pensioenfonds op te nemen. Monique Begin schijnt die strijd te gaan verliezen.

Het is wel te begrijpen als we ons de uitgesproken mening van Minister Erola herinneren. Zij vond dat vrouwen die niet buitenshuis werkten eigenlijk geen kontributie aan onze samenleving maakten. Een regering waar een minister er zulke meningen op na kan houden gaat zeer zeker geen pensioen voorzieningen treffen voor de moeders van onze kinderen.

Even nog een antwoord op een nogal felle reaktie op mijn "wees — vriendelijk-voor-de-dominee-aktie." 't Was, zoals men dan zegt, maar een gijntje. Net als Mark MacGuigan zei toen hem gevraagd werd of hij werkelijk de direkteur van de Centrale Bank zou ontslaan: "'t was maar een gijntje."

In ieder geval wordt de aktie volgenden jaar gewijzigd in "wees-vriendelijk-voor-uw-ouderling." Ieder op z'n beurt. Eh?

Het Ontario Jeugd Werkverschaffings Programma betaalt $1.25 per uur aan Colin's salaris.

Hebt u hulp nodig deze zomer? Zakenmensen en farmers die jonge mensen aannemen om extra werk te doen in hun bedrijf, kunnen voor het betalen van deze extra lonen hulp ontvangen ... door middel van het Ontario Jeugd Werkverschaffings Programma.

DE WERKGEVER MOET:

- extra werk verschaffen buiten het gewone werk wat normaal gedaan wordt gedurende dit seizoen;
- in staat zijn om 25 tot 40 uren per week werk te verschaffen voor 8 tot 20 achtereenvolgende weken;
- eigenaar zijn van een bestaande zaak of bedrijf in Ontario voor ten minste één jaar per 16 april 1984.

DE WERKNEMER MOET:

- tussen 15 en 24 jaar oud zijn;
- een inwoner van Ontario zijn en geschikt om te werken;
- geen familiebanden hebben met de werkgever.

HET OYEP PROGRAMMA IS GELDIG VAN 16 APRIL TOT 20 OKTOBER.
OYEP is een populair programma, dus zendt uw aanvraag spoedig in. De uiterste termijn van inzending is 8 juni 1984 of eerder, als alle beschikbare gelden zijn verwerkt.
Als u wilt weten of uw bedrijf in aanmerking komt, belt u dan **1-800-387-1290.**

Ontario Youth Employment Program

1-800-387-1290

Ontario, Helping You Hire the Help You Need.

ONTARIO YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Subsidies Branch.
Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

Ontario
Ministry of Municipal Affairs And Housing
Claude Bennett, Minister
William Davis, Premier

Books

Building on the Rock

Rev. H. Van Andel

Christian willingness

And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.
Matthew 5:41.

The third example, which Jesus gave in connection with the question whether or not we should stand up for our rights, concerned cases of an immodest and bold request.

It was an unwritten law in Israel that a traveller who had to go through an isolated district, could ask for one or more protecting companions in the village which was nearest to such an area. The parable of the Good Samaritan tells us that there were robbers in the holy land in deserted places.

Jesus speaks of a traveller who demanded more than was customary in this respect. Maybe because of fear he forced the protecting company to accompany him a mile further than was necessary. Jesus says that in such a case it is better not to argue with such a traveller, but to comply with his bold request and grant him even the protection of a second mile.

It is not Jesus' intention to tell us that we must give in to the demands of every bully. But we should extend christian kindness to people who —for some personal reasons — beg for more help than we are obliged to give.

It lies in our human nature to dislike and resent unnecessary requests. However, we should not argue with people who make such requests, neither should we put them back in their proper place.

Even if their requests seem to be excessive we should show a christian willingness to give our support as far as we are able to do so.

Van Andel is a retired pastor living in Burnaby, BC

Theology

Thinking Christianly today

Contours of a Worldview, Arthur F. Holmes, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1983; ix, 240 pp. Number 1 in the series "Studies In Christian Worldview" sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies under the general editorship of Carl F. Henry. Price $8.95 (US) $11.25 (Can.). Henk Hart, Senior Member in philosophy, Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto.

In the North American Christian world in general, but in the Reformed Christian world from which *Calvinist Contact* draws its readership in particular, much attention has been paid to worldviews lately. The publisher of the volume being reviewed here is also publishing a book on worldview by the ICS' Senior Member Albert Wolters, and Inter Varsity Press in the U.S. is publishing one by former ICS Junior Members Walsh and Middleton.

This attention to worldview is not without reason. Two recent developments can be cited that have much to do with our contemporary interest in worldview. One development is the receding importance of an inerrantist view of Scripture in the above mentioned segments of Reformed Christianity. The authoritative revelation of God's Word in the Bible is more and more taken to be occurring within a cultural context which has its own relativity vis a vis the Word which uses that context for its revelation. As a result we become increasingly interested in the difference between our worldview, the worldview of the Bible writers, and the possible Biblical constants which must authoritatively guide and inspire any worldview that wants to be called Biblical.

A second development makes this matter even more crucial. We are becoming more and more aware that a Biblical view of truth requires us to have more eye for subjective sides of truth, both in Scriptures and in our own lives. The synodical report "God With Us" published by the Gereformeerde Kerken in the Netherlands has placed this item irrevocably on our agenda. As a result we become aware that our relative worldviews become significant elements of what we experience as truth. Consequently it is not difficult to appreciate how important it is for us to reflect on our own worldview and on its Biblical validity.

These two developments have also contributed to a widespread fear that orthodox reformed thinking is on the decline. Perhaps for that reason there is so little genuine discussion going on about these issues. The climate seems to lend itself more to suspicion and accusation than to mutually respectful exploration of deeply significant issues. It is quite possible that a careful study of Holme's book on worldview could change this climate for the better. For that reason alone it is worth owning and reading.

Holmes is chairman of the philosophy department at conservative evangelical Wheaton College near Chicago, the well known home turf of Billy Graham. H. Evan Runner studied there as well. Though his sympathies are definitely ecumenical in an evangelical perspective, Holmes favors a reformed approach.(38) The fact that he is not well known in the circles of *Calvinist Contact* protects him from unnecessary prejudice, while the fact that wherever he is known he is widely trusted and respected should stimulate readers of this journal to get acquainted with him.

The topics treated in the book are all part of what the author believes is "an integrative overview of what I believe it means to think Christianly today." (viii). In Part I (three chapters) he sets forth the need for a Biblical worldview in the world today, ending with a section which appropriately deals with "The Question of Truth" (49-53). A second part (of eight chapters) analyzes the various elements of a Biblical worldview: God and creation, persons, truth and knowledge, our values, and our views of society and history. A final part (four chapters) investigates the influence of such a worldview on our experience, particularly on our creativity, our science and technology, our work, and our play.

The book has all the qualities of a significant contribution. It is comprehensive, yet compact; learned, but still lucid; broad in its Christian sympathies, all the while remaining definite in its convictions; inspiring trust, without avoiding controversial choices; giving leadership, though not making up our minds for us.

It deserves to be widely read, carefully thought over, and then sympathetically discussed. Holmes has a knack for introducing us to inevitable changes and new dimensions in our lives with a sense of confidence and urgency. He also says very disagreeable things in a manner that invites a dignified and stimulating exploration of the corners of our minds of which we tend to be defensive and protective. His clear commitment to the Gospel of God coming into our lives in Christ, and to a Biblical understanding of that event open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is clear throughout the book.

As a result of this, many readers will find themselves prepared to accept Holmes' book as an important contribution to our discussion of matters about which we may disagree very deeply. Those who do accept it may also find that the possibilities for a future of increased mutual respect and understanding are still there.

Missions

A well-written overview

Let the Earth Rejoice: A Biblical Theology of Holistic Mission by William A. Dyrness, Crossway Books, 1983, pp. 198. Ray H. Metcalfe, Willowdale, Ont.

Let The Earth Rejoice is a reconsideration of the Evangelical Church's view of missions in the midst of our complex social and economic problems. The solution lies somewhere between the desire to reach the individual, apart and detached from his social milieu and the other extreme with its emphasis almost totally upon social concerns which may tend towards a purely "Social Gospel."

Written in a more-or-less play format, the author has structured his book around five "acts" of a play. These five are Creation, the Exodus, the Exile, Jesus Christ and The Consummation. Each time period poses common and unique challenges to the study of missions. The author both questions and comments throughout, fulfilling his purpose of stimulating the reader to think this area through in light of our complex society and current trends in missions.

Besides being a stimulating book on missions, this is also a well-written overview of the Bible as a whole.

This is recommended reading, however for those willing to "grapple" with a book and who are already fairly deep readers.

DOST AUTO REPAIR LTD.
For all minor & major repair work — licensed mechanics
12421 — 67 St., Edmonton, Alberta T5B 1N2
(403) 471-2449

Classic
ORGAN COMPANY LTD.

CANADIAN-BUILT PIPE ORGANS have acquired a world renowned reputation for excellence.

THE CANADIAN-BUILT CLASSIC ELECTRONIC ORGAN is already acquiring a prestigious reputation in the church organ field.

FOR THE FINEST IN ELECTRONIC CHURCH ORGANS CONTACT:
Pikkert Classic Organs, Box 2050, Lacombe, Alta.
Garritt Pikkert Tel. 403-885-5594
Ralph Pikkert Tel. 403-343-1016
OR
One Stop Organ Shop, 1630 Albert St., Regina
Cliff Olson Tel. 306-522-1474

IN EASTERN CANADA:
For the name of your nearest representative
Clarion Baker Tel. 416-475-1263

The Classic Organ Co. Ltd.
300 Don Park Rd., Unit 12
Markham, Ont., Canada L3R 3R1

Manager: Anne Winter
(416) 224-5211
(out of town call collect)
travel service inc.
offers you: • free cancellation insurance
• 15% off Car Rental in Amsterdam
on all flights to Europe.
5261 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5P8